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## CAREER RUINED

### Police Officer Sent to Prison

### RECEIVED STOLEN BOILER

**A member of Ramsgate Police Force for the past ten years, P/C Harry Bampton, aged 34, of Montcalm, Beresford-road, was sentenced to three months' hard labour at Ramsgate police court on Monday.**

**Announcing the decision of the bench the Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said it was one of the saddest cases he had ever had to deal with.**

**Bampton pleaded guilty to receiving a domestic hot water boiler, knowing it to have been stolen, and in addition asked that the magistrates should take into account the theft of some articles from a garage at St. Lawrence.**

**C/I Butcher said he could not speak too highly of P/C Bampton as a police officer.**

**The Charges.**

Bampton was charged with stealing and carrying away from Fairhaven, St. Mildred's-avenue, Ramsgate, an "Ideal" boiler, value £8 10s., the property of Lance Almond, between 1st February and 12th March of this year.

There was a further charge of receiving the boiler, knowing it to have been stolen.

Defendant elected to be dealt with summarily, pleading not guilty to the first charge, but guilty to the charge of receiving.

C/I Butcher said he would accept the plea on the second charge and withdraw the first charge.

The chief inspector said that in January this year Mr. Lance Almond, Commandant of Ramsgate Special Constabulary, who lived in Warre-avenue, took over the house Fairhaven, St. Mildred's-avenue, with the intention of occupying it later on. The house was empty, except for an "Ideal" boiler and several small items. Mr. Almond visited the house when he took it over and the boiler was in position. At the beginning of March Mr. Almond again visited the house and found the boiler had been removed. Knowing there had been trouble with the hot water system, he thought Mr. Austin, of Messrs. Grummants, had removed the boiler for repair. Mr. Almond subsequently saw Mr. Austin and then reported the matter to the police.

Continuing, C/I Butcher said D/C Foster was instructed to make enquiries and he remembered that P/C Bampton had the misfortune to have the boiler at his house damaged in an air raid. D/C Foster saw P/C Bampton, who told him he had had his boiler repaired and that the repairs were carried out by a Mr. Wanford. P/C Bampton would not assist D/C Foster by giving him further particulars about Mr. Wanford.

**Not Put Off.**

D/C Foster was not to be put off, said C/I Butcher. He continued his enquiries and as a result of the opinion he formed reported the matter to him (C/I Butcher). It so happened that D/C Foster was a plumber before entering the police force and distrusted a statement made by P/C Bampton that the boiler had been patched. He had never heard of a boiler of that type being patched.

As a constable had to be interviewed, said C/I Butcher, he instructed D/S Fortescue to continue the enquiries. D/S Fortescue interviewed P/C Bampton and told him he understood his boiler had been repaired by Mr. Wanford. Bampton said that was correct and added "I did tell Foster the boiler had been repaired. I realise now it was misleading. I thought he suspected me. That is not the boiler."

D/S Fortescue then told Bampton that he had seen Mr. Wanford, who told him that he fixed a second-hand boiler at the home of P/C Bampton. Asked where he got the boiler, Bampton replied "I bought it about a month ago for £4 from Bill Newberry."

C/I Butcher said D/S Fortescue interviewed Mr. Newberry and found that Bampton's statement was incorrect. At 3.30 p.m. on Saturday D/S Fortescue again saw Bampton at his home, told him he had seen Mr. Newberry and that he was not satisfied with what Bampton previously told him. Bampton said "What is it, sergeant?" and D/S Fortescue replied "I must caution you." Bampton replied "No, not that, sergeant."

Continuing, C/I Butcher said Bampton then said "I told you a lie last night. What else do you want to know?" He also stated that he had seen the owner of the stove, was making arrangements for it to be returned and added "Can't you overlook it?" D/S Fortescue quite rightly replied "I'm afraid I can't." Bampton was in a distressed condition and bordering on collapse. He said "This will mean the sack."

**Defendant's Statement.**

The following day Bampton came to the police station and was interviewed by D/S Fortescue in the presence of T/C/I Hicks, and elected to make a statement.

In the statement read by the chief inspector, Bampton said that for several months he had been making enquiries with a view to getting hold of an "Ideal" boiler as the one in his house was damaged. On 22nd February he was cycling along the West Cliff after having had lunch at the police canteen and at the junction of St. Mildred's-avenue he saw two soldiers loading a boiler into an Army truck. He heard one of them say "We will flog this."

He asked the men what they were doing and they said they found the boiler in a garage at the rear of a house. They denied that they had taken the boiler from the house and on looking inside the house he found that the boiler there was intact. For some unaccountable reason he asked them how much they wanted for it and they said £1. He said he would give them £1 for it.

The men said they would be going down the town in connection with a salvage drive and he arranged for them to follow him down. The boiler was taken from the truck and placed beside his house. The same day he saw Mr. Wanford, who agreed to fix the boiler for him. He paid Mr. Wanford 35s. Two or three weeks later D/C Foster approached him about the boiler and he became panicky because he thought D/C Foster suspected him. Some time later he realised what a dangerous position he had landed himself in and made enquiries about the owner of the boiler. He saw Mr. Austin and Mr. Almond and told them the full facts and asked permission to return the boiler.

"I am humbly sorry for my silly action," the statement continued. He had never done anything like that before and had endangered his whole career.

**Realised His Folly.**

C/I Butcher said he reported the circumstances to his superior officer, Mr. Palmer, and at 10.45 a.m. on Saturday Bampton was charged with the offence and in reply said "I have nothing to say, sir, on that charge." The previous day he saw Bampton in connection with police matters and at the end of the interview Bampton said "I wish to say how very sorry I am. I ought to have come to you. I appear to have taken the wrong course every time." He apologised for having let him down and for the fact that he had not been a better policeman. He realised the folly of his act.

C/I Butcher said he had to bring to Bampton's notice that certain articles had been stolen from Mr. Morrison's garage at St. Lawrence and Bampton asked that the magistrates should take this offence into consideration. It was one of stealing a set of spanners, value 30s., and other articles to a total value of 31s 6d. the property of Mr. J. C. Morrison.

Addressing the magistrates, Bampton said it was with great shame that he stood in front of the magistrates. They were his friends and he knew he could have approached them on any subject. He was sorry for the great pain he must have caused to Mr. Palmer, to C/I Butcher and other officers in the police force, and for the disgrace he had brought on the force. Mr. Almond, Mr. Austin and Mr. Morrison he could have called his friends, and he was sorry for the wrong he had done them.

For some time, continued Bampton, he had had trouble at home. His wife was in hospital. Anxiety and lack of news made him very restless. As a result he found himself doing things which surprised him. He had always led a good, honest life, and had never previously given cause for trouble. In a moment of sheer weakness he committed the offence. Anyone could have found out about the boiler. Unfortunately he told one lie, and he had to tell others to cover up the matter. He realised what a serious position he was in and he thought the only thing to do was to return the boiler to its owner. He endeavoured to do so but unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, the matter had gone too far.

**Heavily Punished.**

So far as the other offence was concerned, continued Bampton, it was committed about the same time. He knew that if he had gone to Mr. Morrison, with whom he had worked in the police service, he would have helped him. The articles which he stole from the garage were of no earthly use to him.

"Since the start of this business I have been more than worried," continued defendant. "I have suffered very much. I can't tell you of my extreme sorrow. Whatever punishment you mete out to me cannot be as hard as the punishment I have suffered since the beginning of this matter. I can only ask that you give this your kind consideration and leniency. I know I have ruined my life. Fortunately I have a very good wife who is prepared to stand and face this with me. I can't say how sorry I am for the pain I have caused to everyone."

C/I Butcher said that P/C Bampton joined the police force on 3rd March, 1933, and had put in ten years' service. He had been a most efficient policeman and had carried out his duties correctly. There had never been any trouble with him at all. This lapse had come as a great surprise to everyone. In addition to carrying out his duties correctly, P/C Bampton was extremely popular with all ranks of the force and also with the general public, which made it the harder to have to bring him before the court. He had some very useful hobbies, was an accomplished pianist and possessed diplomas for pianoforte playing. For a long time he was an instructor in the A.T.C. and his service in that direction was greatly appreciated. His off-duty time had been spent in the service of others.

**Disgrace On All.**

Continuing, C/I Butcher said P/C Bampton had had trouble recently. His wife gave birth to a stillborn child and she was still sick. "I am of the opinion that he got the stove in order that the baby coming along should have plenty of hot water," added the chief inspector. "In so doing he committed a crime. He let himself down and he let us

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## ARMY CAPTAIN ACCUSED

### SAID TO HAVE PROPOSED MOSLEY'S HEALTH

### PERSECUTION BY JEWS ALLEGED

**A captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps who was alleged to have proposed a toast to the health of Sir Oswald Mosley in a Margate public-house and to have stated in another public-house that the Prime Minister was hand in glove with the Jews, appeared before a court martial at Broadstairs on Thursday and Friday.**

**Accused was Capt. William John Mitchell, aged 29, previously in practise as a doctor in the New Cross area of London. He pleaded not guilty to three charges of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline.**

## 18 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

### ST. PETER'S FARM LABOURER SENTENCED

**Sentence of 18 months' imprisonment was passed at the Old Bailey last week on Leslie Robert Bowles, aged 21, a farm labourer, of Westover-road, St. Peter's, who was committed for trial by the Margate Cinque Ports magistrates on four counts alleging indecent assaults on boys between the ages of 10 and 14 and a fifth count alleging indecency of a different nature.**

When the case was before the magistrates Mr. E. R. G. Weale, who prosecuted, described it as one of the filthiest cases of its kind. It was alleged that defendant had been molesting and interfering with young boys who lived or worked in the vicinity. The alleged offences had been committed in fields, houses and an air raid shelter.

At the Old Bailey Mr. Vernon Gattie appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. B. H. Waddy (instructed by Mr. A. R. Young, Ramsgate) appeared for defendant.

D/C Self, of Broadstairs, stated that there was one previous conviction against defendant. In February, 1940, he was bound over for two years for larceny and embezzlement. In March, 1941, he was brought before the court for a breach of his recognisances having failed to report to the Probation Officer, and his term of probation was extended for a year. It expired on 19th February.

Witness said defendant was employed as a farm labourer, being a good worker and giving satisfaction. His parents were most respectable. His moral outlook on life was not normal, due to a certain incident which happened some years ago.

The judge remarked that he could not understand the attitude of two civilian witnesses for the prosecution who saw certain incidents but took no steps to report them or stop them.

Letters were read from Mr. L. Harrison, defendant's employer, and Mr. P. L. Hardman, commander of the Home Guard platoon to which he belonged, giving defendant a good character. Mr. Harrison stated that he was prepared to re employ him.

Announcing the sentence, Mr. Justice Singleton told defendant that the question of giving him any treatment would be considered while he was in prison.

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down. It has brought disgrace upon us. To see a man of his ability in such a position makes it all the more painful. I cannot speak too highly of him in any way."

Announcing the decision of the bench, the Chairman said "You, as a member of the police force, which is constituted to protect the public, have absolutely let the force down. It is one of the saddest cases I have had to deal with and my colleagues are of the same opinion. We have heard the record given by C/I Butcher and are taking that into account. But justice must be done. However sad your position might have been, you acted as a free agent. You belonged to a force which was created to protect the public. If our protectors do just the opposite, where would law and order be? I feel thoroughly upset, but you must go to prison for three months with hard labour."

Mr. W. Palmer, former Chief Constable of Margate and now a member of the Kent Joint Police Force, said he was present to express the sincere regret of the Chief Constable of Kent that a member of the new force should have transgressed in this way. He wished to apologise to Mr. Almond and Mr. Morrison for a regrettable lapse on the part of a police officer.

"I know Bampton personally and I am sorry a promising career has been cut short in this way," said Mr. Palmer.

The Chairman: We all feel that very deeply.

The Chairman said the bench wished to commend D/C Foster for persevering with his enquiries in a difficult case. Although he suspected a colleague he did his duty.

Mitchell claimed that he had been the victim of Jewish persecution and said he felt that Jewish influence was at work in the case.

Sentence will be promulgated later.

The charges alleged:

(1) that on the evening of 2nd December, 1942, at the Crown Hotel, Margate, accused said to Mrs. Honorah Webb, wife of the licensee, "I will give you a toast. We will drink to the health of Sir Oswald Mosley." On Mrs. Webb declining to drink the toast he said in a loud voice "Why not? He is a wonderful man. If you have a cancer in your body the doctor will cut it out. That is what the Germans are doing to the Jews in Germany. Germany is a most cultured nation";

(2) on the evening of 23rd December, 1942, in the saloon bar of the First and Last public-house, Margate, he said "Hitler is doing the right thing in having the Jews put out of the way. Churchill is hand in glove with the Jews and is not fit to be Prime Minister. Mosley is the man for that job," or words to that effect, and that on being remonstrated with by Mr. J. L. Rowlinson he said he intended to continue to say such things;

(3) that later on the night of 23rd December, 1942, at Margate railway station, he shouted "Down with the Jews. Throw out the ——," or words to that effect, and on being spoken to by P/C Farley and told to behave himself said "I have been overcharged, all because of the —— Jews."

Major R. O. L. Armstrong-Jones sat with the court as Deputy Judge Advocate. Capt. R. L. Hazell was the prosecuting officer, and Mr. Louis Darnly, who described himself as an actor, author and film director, of London, was in court as prisoner's friend.

**Convivial Evening.**

Mrs. Webb, in evidence, said accused entered the public bar of the Crown Hotel on the evening of 2nd December and joined two soldiers in the saloon bar. It was quite a convivial evening. Eventually accused asked her to join him in a drink. She had a gin and he then asked them to drink to the health of Sir Oswald Mosley, but she put her glass on the counter and refused to do so.

Capt. Mitchell became excited and said "Why not? He is a wonderful man and has more wounds on his body than any other man I know." He asked whether she liked the Jews and she replied that she had no quarrel with them. Referring to the same topic later, he said if someone had a cancer or canker a doctor would cut it out and added "That's what the Germans are doing to the Jews in Germany."

"I thought," said witness, "that Capt. Mitchell loathed the Jews because of something a Jew had said to his wife."

In view of what had happened, and of a slight disturbance in the bar not connected with the accused, witness took steps to get a policeman to "put his nose in the door," and Inspr. Futter came.

Accused questioned the witness at some length, suggesting that her recollection of what took place was not clear, and that there were discrepancies between her evidence and her original statement.

Mrs. Gladys Ruby Epps, of Milton-avenue, Margate, corroborated some of Mrs. Webb's evidence.

Accused asked "If I swear I was taunting Mrs. Webb when I proposed a toast to Sir Oswald Mosley you could not deny it?"

Witness: Oh, no.

Commenting on the evidence, accused said he had no recollection of proposing a toast to Sir Oswald Mosley.

**Discreet Inspector.**

John Leonard Rowlinson, of High-street, Margate, an inspector in the Special Constabulary, said he saw accused in the bar of the First and Last public-house, Margate, on the evening of 23rd December with his sister, Mrs. Baker. Accused was talking about Jews and said from the way they were carrying on in this country Hitler was perfectly justified in doing what he was to have them exterminated. He also said that Churchill was hand in glove with the Jews and was unfit to be Prime Minister of this country. It was Mosley, he said, who was the man for that job. Most of the people in the bar could have heard him.

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The presence in London, with his wife, daughter and brother, of a Ramsgate hackney carriage proprietor was investigated at Clerkenwell police court on Friday, when Alfred John Morris, of High-street, Ramsgate, pleaded not guilty to a summons for using motor fuel for a purpose other than that for which it was issued.

P/C Perry said he saw defendant in King's Cross-road, W.C.1, on 11th March. He was driving a hackney carriage and had his wife, daughter and brother as passengers. Witness told him he understood that he normally garaged at Ramsgate—75 miles away—and the defendant agreed.

He said he had come to see his mother, who was not well, and had brought up an airman who wanted to catch a train in London. Asked whether he had signed a declaration form in connection with the journey, he said he knew nothing about them. Told he would be reported, he said "I am going straight to the House of Commons about this!"

In court, defendant said he had come to London because he wanted the windscreen repaired, a carburettor needle replaced and new tyres supplied and could only get these things done in London.

"I think there has been an offence," said the magistrate (Mr. W. J. H. Brodrick), who imposed a fine of 40s. and a guinea costs.

## CAPTURED AT TOBRUK

### NOW ON WAY HOME

Another Ramsgate man is among those repatriated as a result of an exchange of British and Italian prisoners at a Turkish port.

He is Stkr. 1st Cl. John William Andrews, R.N., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Andrews, of 1 Cambrian-cottages, Richmond-road.

Twenty-three years of age, Stkr. Andrews is an old boy of Christ Church School and he was captured at Tobruk.

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As already reported, the other Ramsgate man repatriated is A/C E/R/A William Hood, a survivor of H.M.S. Sikh, which was lost in a raid on Tobruk.

## RATES BY INSTALMENTS

### BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL SATISFIED

Having received the approval of the Ministry of Health, Broadstairs Council on Monday formally approved a general rate for the ensuing year of 13s. 8d. in the £—the same as the rate for the year which ended on 31st March.

The water rate also remains unchanged at 1s. 10d. in the £.

No comment was made by the Chairman of the Council (Councillor B. J. Pearson), who is also chairman of the Finance Committee, in proposing the adoption of the rate at Monday's meeting.

The rate was approved unanimously.

Councillor B. Humphrey said he thought the time was appropriate to refer to the system instituted recently whereby ratepayers were able to pay their rates by weekly or monthly instalments. The system had proved of great benefit and the more widely it was known the better it would be for everyone concerned. The Council were very satisfied with the arrangement, and it appeared to have been appreciated by the townspeople.

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## EQUALITY IN SALARIES

### COUNCIL APPOINT SUB-COMMITTEE

On the recommendation of the Public Health Committee, the Finance Committee of Ramsgate Town Council have set up a Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee, which consists of Aldermen J. J. White and C. R. Woodhams and Councillors S. E. Austin, O. Hughes and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, have been appointed to consider the present salaries of the administrative, technical and clerical staff of the Corporation, excluding chief officials, and all applications for salary increases now pending are to be referred to the committee.

The Health Committee's recommendation to the Finance Committee was made at a meeting at which applications were received from Mr. T. L. Martin and Mr. F. Brown, additional sanitary inspectors, for increases in their respective salaries of £325 and £250 per annum. The committee were of the opinion that the question of applications received from the various departments of the Corporation should be considered by one committee, in order that equality might be obtained.

The committee recommended that the applications of the additional sanitary inspectors should be deferred pending the appointment of the Salaries Sub-Committee.

### RAMSGATE SAVINGS

The returns of Ramsgate savings during February, which have just become available, show that 30 of the town's groups increased their amounts compared with the previous month, and of these six had increases of over 100 per cent.

Top honours go to the Montague-road group, a comparatively small one of 22 members, which obtained an increase of no less than 858 per cent. The King's Theatre, which has often done well in the past, was second with 645 per cent., and Boots third with 375 per cent. Olbys (150 per cent.), Hereson Infants (110·4 per cent.) and the Girls' Friendly Society (105 per cent.) were the next three.

One interesting point revealed by the returns is the good work of the schools in increasing their membership. St. Luke's added no fewer than 32 new members during the month, Ellington Infants 13 and Ellington Girls nine.

# MONEY

## ITS PURPOSE AND MEANING

By FRANCIS W. HIRST

Never was it more important than now that every intelligent and patriotic citizen of Great Britain and of the self-governing Dominions should know enough about money to enable him to distinguish between good and bad money, and to have clearly in his mind the functions of a sound currency. To study the intricacies of the exchanges is the business of trained experts and of those who have mastered the science of political economy. But every reader of ministerial speeches, of the Beveridge Report and of pulpit oratory—including Archbishop Temple's recent address to the Bank Officers' Guild—should at least ascertain the difference:

1. Between gold (or silver) standard money and inconvertible paper currency;
2. Between price and value, which involves the distinction between nominal and real wages;
3. Between a pound note which is money and a cheque for a pound which is not money, though it can be cashed at a bank by the person in whose favour it is drawn if the drawer has a bank account and a balance.

To understand a subject theoretically it is often best to approach it historically; and this is certainly the easiest way of learning the truth about money.

Men had inhabited the earth for hundreds of thousands of year before they invented the art of writing, the art of coining money, and finally the arts of banking and printing.

### The First Coins.

Thanks to the art of writing we know from the ancient histories and records of China, Egypt and Assyria, as well as from the books of the Old Testament, that the precious metals gold and silver, often in the form of ornaments, checked by their weight, came to be used several thousand years ago in business transactions.

Instead of bartering land for cattle, or selling a bride for so many sheep or cattle, as in Homer, we learn in Genesis, chapter 23, that when Abraham asked Ephron to sell him a field the land was sold for 400 shekels of silver. And again in the following chapter that Abraham's servant presented Isaac's bride Rebecca with a golden ear-ring of half a shekel weight and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold.

But it was not until about 560 B.C. (say 2,500 years ago) that the idea of stamping gold or silver metal and so turning it from a weight into a coin came to be practised by the Lydians. The Lydians, says Herodotus, "were the first men, so far as we know, to strike and use a coinage of gold and silver; and they were also the first people to practice the trade of retail merchants." The metal used for these coins, of which specimens may be seen in the British Museum and elsewhere, was "electron," or white gold, a natural alloy of gold and silver which was found in the mountains and rivers of Lydia. One of these coins, the starter of Croesus, King of Lydia, gained a reputation beyond the borders of his kingdom, like that which our gold sovereign gained in foreign countries before the Great War. The Greek cities soon followed suit, and the silver coins of Athens struck in the fifth century B.C. are still admired for their beauty.

Thenceforward gold, silver and copper coins have been minted continuously, until in the 19th century throughout the world all reputable governments and economists agreed that standard money should be either of gold or silver, or of both as in the bimetallic system of France and the Latin Union. It should in short have an intrinsic value equivalent to the nominal value of the coin, and the metal used should be precious, so that the coin may be portable. The inconvenience of copper as a standard money was demonstrated by Sweden in the 18th century, when merchants used a wheelbarrow of copper "dalers" for payments in large transactions.

### Danger of Inflation.

The advantages of gold and silver as a medium of exchange and measure of value are obvious. Being ductile they are easily minted and stamped, so that coins of equal weight will always have exactly the same value, and that value is everywhere recognised, so that good gold or silver coins of any country will be accepted as bullion by weight in other countries. They are also wonderfully durable and comparatively indestructible. Over long periods of time their purchasing power naturally changes, and may change rapidly in war-time when governments resort to inconvertible paper money and use their gold to buy from neutral countries food and munitions. But in normal times the durability of a precious metal guarantees the durability of its purchasing power; for existing stocks are always enormously greater than the annual output of the mines.

Until comparatively recent times bad governments when in financial difficulties often resorted to the debasement of gold or silver money—a device which caused greater distress and injustice than the most oppressive taxation. But the frauds thus perpetrated were far surpassed when they began to print inconvertible paper money like the assignats in France at the end of the 18th century. During the Great War and since the outbreak of this greater war the peoples of nearly all belligerent countries were forced to carry on commercial transactions with the depreciating paper money, which had the effect in the last war of wholesale confiscation in Russia, Germany, Austria and to a large extent in France, Italy and Belgium. Even in our own country and the United States there is now grave danger of inflation; and we have to remember that the value of an inconvertible paper currency depends upon its limitation. Roughly speaking, if the circulation is doubled, its purchasing power will be halved. Against this danger it is the imperative duty of our Government to preserve the nation now and in the future.

### PROFICIENT A.T.C.

The Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps is providing some excellent material for the R.A.F.

Thirty-two cadets—15 from Margate, 11 from Ramsgate and six from Minster—recently passed the first phase of Part I Proficiency examination in drill, physical training, signals, calculations and English.

Twenty-five first-class cadets are now taking the second phase of the examination and have been examined in drill and physical training by Lt.-Col. C. S. F. Witts and Capt. R. F. Walborn, of 6th Batt., Kent Home Guard. Col. Witts expressed his pleasure at the proficiency of the cadets.

THIS WEEK'S COMPLETE STORY

# CHANCEY THINGS

BY

E. D. TWISS

Tim Dempsey's house was situated at the end of a long, narrow bohereen. You could scarcely push a barrow down it let alone drive an ass and cart. The mountain stream crossed it at the gable end of the cow shed, and in winter-time it took a bit of navigating to get from one stepping stone to another without getting soaked to the skin.

Tim used to put a splash of whitewash on the biggest of the stones to guide people of a dark night. He liked company, and, besides, he was interested in the potheen trade, and he generally had a full house of an evening. He was a very intelligent man and read every word of the newspapers, lying flat on his back to do so.

Law-breaking, particularly when it entailed much manual labour, he considered a mug's game. Where was the sense in having forever a crick in your neck watching for one of the Ballinahalisk Guards, and they, the smart boys hiding behind the stones and the bushes like rabbits, trying to stop a man from earning an honest penny.

So Tim left the manufacture of illicit spirits to those who had energy to waste, but he undertook to dispose of the precious fluid retail, for consumption on the premises. If other and more foolhardy men broke the law by keeping a still away up the slopes of Cooldurragha mountain, it was their own look out. It was with a conscience as clear as June morning after a shower of rain that Tim invited his old cronies, Dinny Connor, Mick Hegarty, Thady Kerrigan and a few more, to a chat round the fire, and a "taste" to warm them against their journey home again.

When payment was slow in making its appearance, Tim had a way of stopping the supplies, and the next night the required coins would be flung with well-bred indifference on to the deal table, and with equal indifference later transferred to a small leather bag which hung round Tim's neck.

But there was a gang of young fellows in the neighbourhood that you couldn't match for smartness, and the pick of them was Cornelius Cuddigan, who was courting a girl from over Coolquane way. Corney was as good-for-nothing a fellow as you'd meet in a month of Sundays, but with a smart appearance and a great dash of learning.

Corney often turned in to Tim's unlicensed premises of an evening, for the bohereen proved a short cut to and from Susie Sullivan's place; and Corney was one of Tim's bad debts. He never paid his bills, but it was said he had great hopes of "hanging up his hat" at Sullivan's, and the Sullivans were big people with a slated house and a wirelss, and a round trap for the horse.

But what Susie saw in Corney was a different thing altogether. Tim and his cronies often discussed the subject of an evening.

Corney had a swaggering way with him certainly, and that had an attraction of its own—or had it? Time alone would tell.

When Corney was dressed up of an evening you'd think he had stepped right out of O'Callaghan and Dunne's, Gent's Outfitters, Ballinahalisk, with a shine on his boots that would give you a squint in the sunlight; and his suit was pressed.

"An' he owing me money," Tim would wail, "and with a crease in his trousers you could cut turnips with."

Tim was all for saying the match might come off. He was an authority on matrimony, for hadn't he buried two wives and frightened away the third?

"Love," said he, "does to a woman what potheen does to a man, it makes them apt to see what isn't there, and blinds them to what it. Of all the unlikely things in the world, maybe the most unlikely of all is the sort of man a woman will look at."

Dinny Conner was a little bit of man with a face like a fox and an eye that could see through a lump of concrete. He knocked his pipe against the side of the hearth and took a deep drink of the "mountain dew" from his glass.

"There's a power of things in the world chancey and unlikely," he remarked. "There's race horses and there's love, and there's money that's owing. Maybe money's the most chancey of the lot."

They were talking over the fire, three of them—Tim Dempsey, Dinny Conner and Thady Kerrigan. Thady was as long as Dinny was short, and his voice was soft and deep with a ring of sadness in it.

"An' money owing from Corney Cuddigan is the most unlikely in the world," he muttered with feeling. Tim gave a little cackle of a laugh. They all knew Corney owed him money, but it riled him to think people might be saying that a scamp like that could get the better of him.

"I'll best him, I'll best him yet," he threatened. "'Tis the long road that has no turning. I'd follow him from here to America, aye, an' further."

"An' be no richer than when you started," wheezed Dinny wisely. "The same lad would double on ye like a hare."

A sharp knock at the door stopped further conversation, and the subject of their remarks stood framed in the darkness of the doorway.

"Come in, come inside," invited Tim grudgingly. After all, there was nearly a pound owing, but sure he'd never get it if he refused him admittance.

Corney was looking his best. He wore his Sunday suit, and his hair was sleeked back like a counter-jumper's. He had on a new blue tie, and there was a blue silk handkerchief peeping out of one of his pockets. It was easy to see that he was on his way to Sullivan's, and that he was about to get things fixed up there and then.

Tim knew enough about such matters to be wise to a thing like that and there was a kind of friendly nervousness in Corney's manner that was strange to him. As if he wanted every man to be his friend.

And then the breath nearly left their bodies, for out of his pocket he pulled a pound note. A brand new note with a crackle in it that would warm the heart of a milestone.

"I owe you a bit of money, Tim," he said, "but we'll all have a drop together first. And this," he flicked the note grandly, "will more than cover the lot. The drinks will be on me. Isn't that right?"

The lot of them agreed. Corney wasn't a bad fellow, a bit flighty maybe, but his heart was in the right place. Mick Hagarty came in just in time to be included, and the crowd of them drank to Corney's good fortune. A handsome couple, himself and Susie would make surely. They patted the prospective bridegroom on the back. They wrung his hand, wagging his arm up and down like the handle of a pump. But in the middle of it all Corney got up, and the note rustled in his fingers with a sharp crisp sweetness.

He thanked them for their good wishes, he told them that good wishes were like the summer sunshine. He shook hands with them all again, and then he took his leave, the note still in his possession.

The door banged behind him before Tim awoke to what had happened. He darted after him with a wild yell, the others following somewhat unsteadily. The yell unnerved Corney, and caused him to miss his footing and fall headlong into the mountainy river, now in spate. He was soon on his feet again, but his best suit was wrenched and torn, and there was mud on his face and hair.

There was no going to Sullivan's that night. He was a good runner, and there was no chance of the other catching up on him, but his luck was decidedly out, for when he reached home he found that his crisp note was missing. There was a high wind, and it could easily have been blown from his pocket. Fool that he was to flourish it about as he had done.

He spent the rest of the night thinking how he might further annoy Tim Dempsey. In the morning he tidied himself up and went into Ballinahalisk. There was a very smart Civic Guard standing in front of the police barracks; he was fresh down from the Depot in Dublin, and he didn't know any of the people. Corney and he got talking. He was good looking as well as being smartly uniformed. That afternoon he was to be seen cycling in the direction of Cooldurragha mountain.

The night before had been cold and wet, but now the kindly sun shone. Civic Guard Clancy sniffed the peat-scented air and smiled. When the heart is young, and promotion a certainty—in view of the potheen find he was about to make—all sorts of good things may happen.

Susie Sullivan came down Tim's lane on her way to buy bread at the cross-roads shop. Susie was wearing a new bright blue coat, and Guard Clancy's heart missed a beat. He touched his helmet, dismounted, and asked if this was the Cooldurragua district. Susie said it was, adding that it was a nice afternoon, and the winter would soon be over. Clancy had already noted this fact, and he agreed heartily.

Tim was walking up and down in front of his house, watching them. Then he took a turn along the river bank, his hands clasped under the tail of his flannel coat. He guessed at once what brought the Guard. Bad cess to Corney, to go and double on him like that.

Tim walked maybe a dozen times up and down, and then his eyes brightened, as he noticed something fluttering against a big rock, a friendly rock that had protected the fluttering thing from the weather. He crept forwards stealthily and his fingers closed about it. It was a brand new bank note, and it rustled sweetly in his grasp.

Half an hour later he walked down the lane, and in the distance he saw two figures. One small and brightly blue, the other tall and well drilled, darkly uniformed, though the sun had caught one highly polished button. They were walking away from the Cooldurragha mountain, and their heads were bent as if in deep conversation.

Tim gave a low crackling laugh. Dinny Connor was right. Love and money owing were both chancey things. His laugh cut the peat-scented air like the chatter of a grouse cock. He rubbed his hands together and laughed again, his old face distorted with mirth.

The End

**The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.**

## DR. A. F. STREET

### DEATH AT WESTGATE

A founder and the first Worshipful Master of the Reculvers (No. 4123) Lodge of Freemasons, Dr. Alfred Francis Street, M.D., passed away at his home, Burghfield, St. Mildred's-road, Westgate, last week, at the age of 88 years.

Dr. Street was a friend as well as a physician to several generations of Westgate families and he took a great interest in the welfare of the town. The local division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were greatly indebted to him.

Son of a Gloucestershire clergyman, Dr. Street was educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge. He held several hospital appointments before coming to Westgate 57 years ago to take over the practice of the late Dr. Harding. Dr. Street retired from practice some years ago.

Dr. Street was the first W.M. of the Reculvers Lodge of Freemasons in 1924 and received provincial honours as J.G.W. in 1931.

### DEATH OF MR. CHARLES WHENSLEY

Prominently connected with the Conservative movement in Thanet, Mr. Charles Whensley, of 26 Tivoli-road, Margate, passed away at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Whensley was one of the leading members of the Beaconsfield Conservative Working Men's Club and Institute, and following the last war, during which he served in The Buffs, won the club's annual walking match several times. For the past 20 years he had been secretary of the club and for some time was one of the Margate representatives on the Thanet Central Council of the Conservative Association.

Mr. Whensley leaves a widow, a son and a daughter. His son, Flg.-Off. L. C. N. Whensley, R.A.F.V.R., is at present instructing air crews.

# Local Government Re-Organisation

## FULL INQUIRY DEMANDED

Broadstairs Council are joining in the request that the Government should formulate no proposals for the re-organisation of local government until a full inquiry has been held.

The Council were represented by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) and the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) at a special conference of Urban District Councils of England and Wales, held in London recently, at which the following resolution was passed:

"That the memorandum on the re-organisation of local government which was approved by the Executive Council on the 17th July, 1942, and the letter which the President of the association and the chairman of the Executive Council addressed to 'The Times' on the 29th October, 1942, be and are hereby approved. And that the Executive Council do make representations to His Majesty's Government that they should formulate no proposals for the re-organisation of local government until the whole question has been fully considered by an authoritative and independent body (such as a Royal Commission) which body should not only receive and consider representations from all bodies and persons interested but should take account of systems of local government in other democratic countries and should also hold sittings and inquiries in the provinces as well as in London; and that the Executive Council do request every urban district council and other member of the association to send a copy of this resolution to their Member of Parliament and to ask him to oppose any action by the Government until full consideration has been given as described above."

On the recommendation of the General Purposes Committee, Broadstairs Council on Monday decided to support the resolution and to transmit it to Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. for the division.

## HARBOUR MASTER'S SALARY

### COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE APPROVE INCREASE

After the matter had been referred back by open Council, Ramsgate Town Council in committee on Thursday approved a recommendation to increase the salary of the Harbour Master, Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard.

The Harbour Master was receiving a salary of £550 and a car allowance of £50.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Council were asked to approve an increase of salary to £675, and that the existing car allowance should be continued.

When the matter came before the Council Councillor P. Turner said he proposed to ask the indulgence of the Mayor. The Council had the power to allow any motion to be discussed in public. He was asking the Mayor to exercise his discretion and allow it to be discussed in open meeting.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) said it had always been the accepted principle that matters relating to the salaries of officials of the Council should not be discussed in public, but that they should be referred to Council in committee. The Council had the right, if they desired, to discuss the matter in public.

Councillor G. W. Twigger said that in fairness to the official concerned he thought it should go to Council in committee. If they once deviated from the normal practise the Council might create a position which might be far from pleasant.

## MR. WILLIAM JAMES SHELVEY

### DEATH OF FORMER BROADSTAIRS COUNCILLOR

The funeral took place at St. Peter's last week of Mr. William James Shelvey, who died at the home of his son, 50 Westover-road, St. Peter's, at the age of 88 years.

For about 30 years Mr. Shelvey was in business in Church-street, St. Peter's as a baker and confectioner and for a number of years was a member of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Urban District Council shortly after it replaced the Local Board in 1894.

Mr. Shelvey took a prominent part in activities at St. Peter's, was a member of the Royal Navy Lodge of Freemasons, Ramsgate, and the St. Peter's Lodge of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes and the Ancient Order of Oddfellows.

Predeceased by his wife in 1937, Mr. Shelvey leaves two sons.

The Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith (priest-in-charge) officiated at the funeral.

Family mourners present were Messrs. H. G. and P. W. Shelvey (sons), Mr. G. Shelvey (grandson) and Mr. W. J. Austen (nephew). Those present in the church included Mrs. L. Burville (sister) and Miss K. Burville (niece).

## POLICE BEAT ARTILLERY

In a shooting match last week Ramsgate Police defeated the Royal Artillery by 286 points to 227.

Ramsgate Police—W/R Marshall 19 and 15, D/C Oram 19 and 15, S/C Fearn 18 and 15, W/R Hollands 17 and 15, S/C Luckett 20 and 20, W/R Scott 20 and 15, P/C Housden 19 and 20, T/P/S Jenner 19 and 20.

Royal Artillery—Sgt. Adams 13 and 20, Sgt. Clark 12 and 15, Sgt. Taylor 14 and 15, Gnr. Lansbury 13 and 10, Gnr. Ironside 11 and 15, Gnr. Clegg 12 and 10, Bdr. Wakefield 11 and 20, Sgt. Upton 16 and 20.

## ENSURING A HAPPY FUTURE

As a sensible woman you try to plan your life ahead; you hope to ensure happiness and contentment for every member of the family. Whether you succeed or not depends almost entirely upon the knowledge you possess. Unless you plan along right lines, and understand how you can control and mould your life to satisfy your every desire, there is always a chance that you may miss that happiness and joy of living which should be yours. And you must plan so that your health is retained throughout the years to come. Is this knowledge already yours, or do you stand in need of kindly, friendly guidance?

Nurse Drew can give you the desired help and guidance. To be of service to you she has written a capital little booklet called "Hygiene for Women." It is really a first-class production and one which conveys a message to you upon which you are advised to act. Her address is 414 Victoria House, Southampton-row, London, W.C.1. Why not write, enclosing 3d. in stamps, and ask for a copy, or perhaps you would rather ask your chemist for a copy.

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| Sunday April 11 for 1 day | SAINT MEETS THE TIGER | A | Hugh Sinclair, Jean Gillie |
| | Lady Scarface | A | Dennis O'Keefe, Judith Anderson |
| Monday April 12 for 3 days | KING ARTHUR WAS A GENTLEMAN | U | Arthur Askey, Evelyn Dall, Anne Shelton |
| | Eyes of the Underworld | A | Richard Dix, Wendy Barrie |
| Thursday April 15 for 3 days | ROAD TO MOROCCO | U | Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour |
| | Brains Trust | U | Dr. C. E. M. Joad, Mr. Donald McCullough, etc. |
| Sunday April 18 for 1 day | THE GREAT LIE | A | Bette Davis, George Brent |
| | Alien Sabotage | A | Jack Holt, Maxie Rosenbloom |
| Monday April 19 for 3 days | NAVY COMES THROUGH | U | Pat O'Brien, George Murphy, Jackie Cooper |
| | The Proud Valley | A | Paul Robeson |
| Thursday April 22 for 3 days | THUNDER ROCK | A | Michael Redgrave, Barbara Mullen, James Mason |
| | Who is Hope Schuyler? | A | Mary Howard, Joseph Allen, Sheila Ryan |
| Sunday April 25 for 1 day | INTERNATIONAL SQUADRON | A | Ronald Reagan, William Lundigan |
| | Babies For Sale | A | Rochelle Hudson, Glenn Ford |
| Monday April 26 for 3 days | PRIORITIES ON PARADE | U | Ann Miller, Johnny Johnson, Betty Rhodes, Jerry Colona |
| | Little Tokyo, U.S.A. | U | Preston Foster, Brenda Joyce |
| Thursday April 29 for 3 days | HAPPY GO LUCKY | U | Mary Martin, Dick Powell, Betty Hutton, Eddie Bracken |
| | Wrecking Crew | A | Richard Arlen, Chester Morris, Jean Parker |


## SAVED FROM HYPOCRISY

### COUNCIL AND COUNTY RATE

Accepting the advice of Councillor G. W. Twigger that they would be acting hypocritically, Ramsgate Town Council last week rejected a recommendation of the Finance Committee to support a resolution protesting against the recent county rate increase.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Council should support the following resolution passed by Queenborough Town Council:

"That this Council views with profound concern the increasing expenditure of the County Council and strongly protests against the rise of 10d. in the £ in the county rate for the ensuing year;

"That the Kent County Council be strongly urged frequently to review the activities of its several committees and spending departments to ensure every possible economy, especially during war-time and having regard to the many claims by way of public expenditure upon the purse of the individual, so as to avoid further increases in future estimates."

Councillor Twigger said before they agreed to a policy of that sort they should make sure there was no beam in their own eye, or the public would be justified in saying "Why don't these people look in the looking glass, for if they do they will see a replica of the Kent County Council?" Everyone wanted to keep down expenditure but if they wanted developments they had to pay for them.

Councillor P. Turner considered that a move to bring any economy, whether in their own town or in the county, should be supported.

An amendment to delete the recommendation was carried.

## BOOK SALVAGE

### TO AID GIRLS' CLUB LIBRARY

The Salvage of Books (Scrutiny) Committee, appointed by Broadstairs Council, has been directed to select, when scrutinising and sorting the books collected by the Council in their salvage scheme, a number of books suitable for girls between the ages of 14 and 20, and to arrange for the books to be handed to the Broadstairs and St. Peter's British Red Cross Society's Girls' Club for use in the library which it is proposed to form in connection with the club.

The report of the General Purposes Committee, presented at a meeting of the Council on Monday, stated that the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson) had been instructed to ensure that none of the books collected in connection with the National Book Recovery Drive should be exchanged for other books and that he had been authorised to arrange for the issue to units of H.M. Forces stationed in the district of supplies of books and magazines which, in the opinion of the Books Salvage Committee, were of special interest to the services.

## CARAVANS TO GO

### COUNCIL ORDER DEMOLITION

Broadstairs Council have authorised the Sanitary Inspector (Mr. F. S. Barrow) to exercise their powers to secure the demolition of the caravans remaining in the Camden-road Nos. 11 and 12 clearance areas.

The report of Council in committee, presented at a meeting of the Council, on Monday, stated that the Council had refrained from demolishing the caravans to afford the owners an opportunity of disposing of them themselves, but that four caravans still remained on the site and the Council had had twice to institute proceedings against persons for entering into occupation of the caravans contrary to the provisions of the Housing Act, 1936.

Any sum realised by the sale of the caravans, less the costs incurred, will be paid to the respective owners.

## REFUGE ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

The accounts of the Refuge Assurance Co. Ltd. just published state that a bonus at the rate of £1 per cent. for 1939, 1940, 1941 and 1942 has been declared on ordinary branch with-profit policies which become claims during the ensuing year and an amount of £2,440,925 has been carried forward as unappropriated surplus in this branch.

In the industrial branch the sum of £436,227 out of the profits of this branch has been allocated to industrial branch policyholders, and applied to increase the benefits under their policies.

The total premiums received in both branches amounted to £11,645,087, and the total assets now amount to £81,441,037. The net interest received amounted to £2,624,411. The claims paid in the year amounted to £7,448,627, making a grand total of £147,917,102 paid since the office was established.

## TEMPEST SURVIVOR REPATRIATED

Among the British sailors, formerly prisoners in Italian hands, who were repatriated at a Turkish port recently, was Tel. Robert H. Appleton, R.N., an old Margate Central School boy.

Tel. Appleton was serving in H.M. submarine Tempest when taken prisoner.

## FOOD FRONT

### LENTEN FARE: MAKE THE MOST OF SALMON

At the beginning of every new points period, the housewives with an eye to the best values should earmark some of their points for pink salmon.

Supplies of fresh fish fluctuate, and there is always a heavy demand for fish at this season of the year.

Pink salmon is there when you want it, waiting to be made into appetising and nourishing dishes.

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The two dishes below can be made from one large tin, costing 1s. and taking only four points, and each is large enough for four people.

#### Fisherman's Pie.

8ozs. salmon (half a tall tin)
1lb. cooked mixed vegetables
1lb. mashed potato
½ pint of white sauce
1 tablespoonful vinegar
Salt and pepper

Put the fish and vegetables in layers in a piedish. Season well. Add the vinegar to the sauce and pour it over the contents of the dish. Cover with mashed potato and fork it up. Bake in a moderate oven until the potato is brown (about 30 minutes).

#### Salmon Fish Cakes.

8ozs. salmon (half a tall tin)
1lb. cooked mashed potato
1 tablespoonful vinegar
1 tablespoonful chopped parsley
1 level tablespoonful dried egg mixed with two of water
Salt and pepper

Mash the salmon thoroughly. Mix with all the ingredients. Divide into eight portions and form into cakes. Coat them with browned breadcrumbs and fry on both sides in very hot, shallow fat. Dish up and surround with large tufts of watercress and serve with a little lemon substitute diluted to lemon juice strength according to instructions on packet or bottle.

#### Salmon Salad.

Pink salmon is very good for salads, too. Flake the required amount of fish into a bowl of fresh mustard and cress. Decorate with beetroot and serve with potato salad. Dress the salad with the liquid drained from the tin, well mixed with 1 teaspoonful of mustard, 1 tablespoonful of vinegar and a good dash of pepper.

If there is any left over, mix it with an equal quantity of smoothly mashed potato, moistened with a few drops of the dressing and use it with cress or finely-shredded savoy heart to make some of the nicest sandwiches you have eaten in months.

N.B.—Don't forget to plant some herbs this year, however small the garden. If there is no garden, plant them in a window box or even one or two large flower pots.

Plant chives with the fresh sweet onion flavour, for omelettes, salads and sandwiches; mint for the green peas, spinach and lamb, and parsley in which to roll the new potatoes.

There are other herbs which will grow successfully in pots, all of which will help to vary the menu and give interest to the most ordinary food.

## MINSTER

**Police Officer Bereaved.**—Son of P/C H. Spicer and Mrs. Spicer, of Way, Minster, Acm. Robert Henry Spicer died on 16th March while serving with the R.A.F. in India. Acm. Spicer, who joined the R.A.F. in June, 1941, attended Minster School and was afterwards employed as a gardener.

**Whist.**—In aid of Parish Hall funds, a whist drive organised by the War Comforts Fund Committee was held at Minster Parish Hall on Wednesday. Thirteen and a half tables were in play and the drive realised £1 11s. 7d. The winners were Miss Knott, Pte. McGregor, Mr. Read, Mr. P. Ward, Mrs. Cornelius and Mr. Legg. Major W. Howard was M.C.

### STRIKE A NEW NOTE

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# EVE OF GREAT CHANGES

## MARGATE HOSPITAL MEETING

### PRIEST BECOMES PRESIDENT

In recognition of his energetic work, the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry, Roman Catholic priest at Minster, was elected president in succession to Dr. H. W. Parrott at the annual meeting of Margate Hospital, held at the Town Hall on Wednesday.

Moving the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, Dr. Parrott said he believed they were on the eve of great changes in the hospital world. Reforms in the status and salaries of the nursing profession were long overdue. The committee were in full agreement with the findings of the Rushcliffe Committee.

The future of voluntary hospitals under the Beveridge scheme was not clear, said Dr. Parrott, and would not be clear until the report had been debated in Parliament. The British Hospitals Association, the representative body of voluntary hospitals, had, however, recorded their desire to play a full part in any scheme of co-ordinated hospital planning which might result. The association regarded as a requisite of any such scheme a continuance of the essential characteristics of voluntary hospitals.

**Will Be Up-to-Date.**

"We are determined," continued Dr. Parrott, "that when any form of Government control comes we shall be able to present a thoroughly efficient and complete unit, capable of giving every type of treatment, and equipped with every necessary department essential in a modern hospital." He explained that the installation of a deep X-ray apparatus and the provision of a maternity wing were projects which the committee had in mind when the time was opportune. He visualised a complete general hospital which would compare favourably with any in the country. They should see to it that such schemes did not remain idle dreams but were translated into reality.

Mr. C. C. Maughan, proposing Father Keniry as a successor to Dr. Parrott, described him as one of the most active and able members of the committee, and said it was fitting that a representative of the Church should fill such a position for it was the Church alone that ministered to the sick through many centuries. Father Keniry had shown the utmost keenness in everything connected with the hospital and brought a marked ability to bear on the work.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. T. Sharpley, Major J. I. H. Friend and Mr. W. Tomlin were re-elected vice-presidents, and Dr. Parrott was elected a vice-president.

Mr. W. A. J. Foster, Mr. B. J. Garraway, Capt. A. C. Hatfeild and Alderman F. L. Pettman were re-elected representative members on the Committee of Management.

Mrs. P. H. R. Venner was re-elected hon. treasurer and Messrs. Percy Gore and Son auditors.

**The Annual Report.**

The report revealed that the total ordinary expenditure exceeded the total ordinary income by £4 13s. 2d.

The return of residents to the district, combined with relaxation of restrictions imposed by the Government on the admission of cases, had resulted in the daily average number of in-patients rising to 48, compared with 36 in 1941. A corresponding increase was also shown in the number of out-patients treated, while in the X-ray department 1,525 examinations were made.

The increase in ordinary income of £2,431 4s. was mainly due to the financial assistance received from the Ministry of Health. A substantial increase was also shown in ordinary expenditure, but this must be considered unavoidable having regard to the gradual rise in the cost of almost all commodities, and this increase, combined with the reduced number of patients, was reflected in the high cost of treatment during the year. The cost of an in-patient had risen from £3 6s. 9½d. per week in 1939 to £4 18s. 3d. per week.

The kind interest of Sir Milsom Rees, the report continued, had made possible the creation of a Samaritan Fund, and the capital of £1,000 subscribed for this purpose would be used in providing necessitous cases with instruments, artificial limbs and such other necessary articles as were generally beyond the means of poor patients. In order to show their appreciation of his many benefactions the committee had named the main operating theatre "The Milsom Rees Theatre."

In spite of the continued adverse condition prevailing in the area the work in connection with the Contributory Scheme produced favourable results, and membership during the year rose from 3,823 to 4,617.

"It might be appropriate," the report concluded, "to quote the words of a well-known benefactor who, when announcing his intention to endow a charitable fund, expressed the opinion that spontaneous contributions from private enterprise to the service of the community are, and must remain, a vital factor in the life of the nation. The people of Margate and the neighbouring district have always realised their responsibilities and the Committee of Management look forward with confidence to the future."

## BOROUGH ENGINEER DE-RESERVED

The Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) has reported to the Civil Defence Committee of Ramsgate Town Council that the Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has received notification that he would cease to be reserved from 1st April.

In view of the importance of the work on which the Borough Engineer is engaged, and his relation to the committee in matters of Civil Defence, the committee agreed that the Town Clerk should take all necessary steps to apply for the deferment of the calling up of the Borough Engineer for military service.

# ROBBED HOME GUARD STORE

### THREE RAILWAYMEN IN COURT

A Ramsgate railwayman who stole a pair of boots from a Home Guard store, for which he was responsible, appeared before the magistrates at Margate police court on Wednesday.

He was James Jarrett, railway labourer, of Crescent-road, Ramsgate, and he pleaded guilty to stealing the boots, value £1 2s. 6d., the property of the Army Council, in October, 1940.

Charles William Munday, a railway guard, of Westbrook-road, Margate, and Albert Victor White, of Ulster-road, Margate, pleaded not guilty to "buying, obtaining or receiving" the boots.

In the case of Jarrett, the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said that about 5 p.m. on 12th March P/C Goodall, of the Southern Railway Police, stationed at Dover, was in plain clothes in the approach to Margate station when he saw White cycling away from the station with two parcels tied to his carrier. He was asked what the parcels contained and replied that he had two pairs of boots, one belonging to his son which had just been repaired, and the other he had bought from Guard Munday for 10s. The officer found that the boots bought from Munday were of Army pattern and almost new.

**They Hurt Him.**

Later that day D/C Wren, of the borough police, accompanied by D/C Dale, of the railway police, saw Jarrett and told him he understood that Guard Munday obtained the boots from him five weeks previously. Jarrett said he bought them from a soldier in the Royal Engineers in 1940, but later said he would tell the truth. He then explained that when, as a Home Guard, he was issued with a pair of boots he took another pair, but when he wore them he found they hurt his feet. Later Munday asked him if he had a pair of boots and he let him have them. Afterwards Munday said they were too small, but he would try to get rid of them. "I admit I had no right to take the boots from the Home Guard store at the railway station," added Jarrett. "I don't know what made me do it. It is the first time I have taken anything."

The Chief Constable added that Jarrett acted as storekeeper for the railway Home Guard. He had been employed by the railway company for about 30 years and bore a very good character. Nothing else was missing from the stores and he was spoken of very highly.

Major R. J. Glover, company commander of the Southern Railway Home Guard, said Jarrett had been storekeeper since 1940 and did the work voluntarily in his spare time. He had been a tower of strength to witness from the formation of the Home Guard.

D/C Wren said when he interviewed White he said "About a month ago I learnt that Bill Munday had a pair of boots to sell and I said I would buy them. This afternoon I gave Munday 10s. for them. I didn't know they were Army boots." When told subsequently that he would be reported, White said "If I had known they were Army boots I would not have had anything to do with them. I only saw the toe-cap."

**Found a Buyer.**

Witness also interviewed Munday, who said "I may as well tell the truth. Jim Jarrett, a porter employed at Margate railway station, was talking to me about three weeks ago about boots and I said I would like to get hold of a pair of Army boots. He said he had a pair to sell. Two or three days afterwards he brought this pair to my house and said he wanted 10s. for them. When I got them I found they were size eight and were too small for me. I told him I would try to find someone to change with. I heard Mr. White wanted a pair of boots and about 4.10 p.m. to-day I saw him on the platform and handed him the boots, for which he paid me 10s. I now know the boots to be Army boots. I knew Jarrett was in the Home Guard and did not ask him how he got them."

The Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said in the case of Jarrett they regretted to see a man with such a good record of service in that position, especially in view of the trust imposed on him by being in charge of the stores. In view of the tremendous amount of pilfering taking place, there would be a conviction and he would be fined £2.

In regard to Munday and White, the Mayor said the magistrates felt they were very much to blame by taking the boots, particularly Munday, who knew they were Army boots. They would be fined £1 each.

## DOING A LITTLE EXTRA

### MARGATE WARDENS CONGRATULATED

Congratulations to members of the wardens' service who were "doing a little more than they are obliged to, and doing it willingly," were expressed by the Mayor of Margate (Councillor F. J. Cornford) at Margate Town Hall last week, when he presented to 17 of them St. John Ambulance first-aid proficiency certificates.

Those who received certificates were: Deputy Head Wardens E. H. Baker, W. J. Mathews, B. H. Paul; Senior Wardens T. F. Holton, S. R. King, E. St. C.-Tregilgas; Wardens Mrs. H. Bodley, H. Clifton, Mrs. Culmer, L. R. Hinge, A. R. Kennard, E. I. Lock, L. Page, A. J. Pettman, R. A. Saffery, and F. H. Stringer.

The Mayor also presented A.R.P. badges and brooches to a number of wardens who had recently joined the service and completed their basic training.

Extending his congratulations to those who had won certificates, the Mayor said it reflected great credit on them and showed that they were taking keen interest in their work. First-aid work was not really a part of their training. Their success also reflected the sound instruction they had received, in which work Depot Supt. Bodley had taken a keen interest.

## THEY PREFER NEW UNIFORMS

The report of the Civil Defence Committee, presented at a meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, contained the following paragraph: "The Sub-Controller referred to the policy of the Government regarding the issue of part-worn Civil Defence uniform clothing to personnel. The Sub-Controller reported that certain personnel had objected to receiving part-worn cleaned uniform clothing, and that if such objection persisted disciplinary action might be necessary. The committee approved the Sub-Controller's report."

# Police Amalgamation

## BOROUGH FORCES MERGED

### COUNCILS STILL IN THE DARK

All borough and city police forces in Kent ceased to exist from midnight on Wednesday when, on the Order of the Home Secretary, the new Kent Joint Police Force came into being.

Nine separate police forces have been combined with the Kent County Constabulary under the new Chief Constable for Kent, Sir Percy Sillitoe.

Just how the change will affect Thanet is not yet definitely known but, as reported elsewhere in this issue, the Chief Constable of Ramsgate (Mr. S. F. Butler) has terminated his association with the police service.

The Chief Constable of Margate (Mr. W. Palmer), who has expressed his desire to serve in the new force, has been assured of a position not below that of superintendent.

Mr. Palmer has announced that his appointment would be in a supervisory capacity, that he would remain in the district and that the force at Margate would be under the control of C/I H. B. Fleet.

At Thursday's meeting of Ramsgate Town Council Councillor P. Turner asked whether the chairman of the Watch Committee (Alderman A. E. Petley) could tell them what had happened to Ramsgate police force.

"We have lost them and we should be permitted to know what has happened," said Councillor Turner. "It is a deplorable position that we do not know what is happening."

Alderman Petley said he could say nothing officially but he thought it probable that another Chief Constable would be in charge of the area and probably an inspector would be left as chief inspector at Ramsgate.

**Council Tribute.**

Before the ordinary business at the monthly meeting of Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday, tribute to the service of Mr. Butler was paid by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe).

They regretted, said the Mayor, that after 27 years Mr. Butler was leaving them. The Chief Constable had been a strict disciplinarian, and it was therefore not always possible to suit everyone. They knew of the service Mr. Butler had rendered to the town, both in the last war and the present war. He was sure he was expressing the feelings of everyone when he wished Mr. Butler good luck in the future.

Councillor T. H. Prestedge, in a further tribute, said he was the only member of the present Council who was a member when Mr. Butler came to Ramsgate to take up his duties. He came during a very difficult period and there were not many who knew that the town almost lost control of its police force at that time. Mr. Butler had to be congratulated on saving the Ramsgate police force then. Few knew of the amount of work put in by Mr. Butler in organising the various services at the outbreak of the present war. He and other officials were responsible for saving the town hundreds of pounds.

**Happy Associations.**

Mr. Butler said he had formed many happy associations during the time he had been in Ramsgate. It was quite true that when he came to Ramsgate he was able to get the Council out of a hole. The Council owed very much to the officials, who had seen that the town was properly run.

In casting his mind back he could recall only two occasions during the past 27 years when a member of the force had appealed against a decision he had given. He thought he could probably claim that was unique in any police force in the country. It only showed that it was not necessary to punish too strictly. He had been told that punishments he had imposed were not strict enough, but he did not believe in it.

During the time he had been in Ramsgate he had seen many changes in the town and on the Council. He had seen various factions formed—some termed new gangs and some old gangs. Since they had been formed in the wrong spirit they had ended in ignominy.

In conclusion Mr. Butler paid tribute to the help he had received from the other officials.

**Margate Swan-Song.**

Margate borough police swan-song took the form of a parade in Cecil-square on Wednesday evening, attended by most of the members of the regular force, War Reserve, Women's Auxiliary Police Corps and Special Constabulary.

After inspecting the parade the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said the force had been a source of justifiable pride to the people of Margate for many years and it was with very real and sincere regret that they faced the passing.

A real spirit of co-operation and friendship had been built up between police and citizens in Margate in many ways. The members of the force had been real friends and helpers, not only in the discharge of their duty, but also in the work and assistance they had so freely given in connection with the social and charitable side of the life of the town. Civic pride had played no small part in the unity and friendship of their work. The dangers and difficulties of the past four years had strengthened the bond of fellowship very considerably. The records would show that in no way had the good order, conduct and reputation of the borough suffered by that close personal and friendly contact. Rather, he would say that mutual confidence and appreciation of each other had been distinctly beneficial to the welfare and happiness of the community.

"It is, I feel sure," said the Mayor, "the sincere hope and wish of all that the individual members of the force will still be left to continue their duties in the town, and that the spirit of co-operation and unity of purpose will continue between us under the new control."

**Presentations.**

The esteem in which Mr. Palmer has been held by the men under him and by the Town Council was reflected in the presentation to him of a silver tea-set and salver from the members of the force and Special Constabulary, a silver fruit dish from the members of the Council, and a silver cigarette case from Alderman F. L. Pettman, chairman of the Watch Committee.

Mrs. Palmer received a cut-glass table lamp from the force, and C/I Fleet also received a silver cigarette case from the members of the Council and the magistrates.

The presentations were made at Lausanne House School, where the members of the force and their wives were entertained by the Mayor.

Making the presentation to the Chief Constable on behalf of the Corporation, the Mayor said the town had never had

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# A FUNNY POSITION

## COUNCIL AND SUB-CONTROLLER

### NOT A PAID POST —SAY MINISTRY

An unusual situation has arisen following the decision of Ramsgate Town Council to recommend that Mr. S. F. Butler, the former Chief Constable, should be offered the position of Civil Defence Sub-Controller for a period of six months at a salary at the rate of £400 per annum.

At the monthly meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, when the report of Council in committee came up for consideration, it was stated that the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) had been informed by the appropriate Ministry that there was no power at present whereby payment could be made to a Civil Defence Sub-Controller.

The report presented by the Civil Defence Committee to Council in committee stated that it could be assumed that Mr. Butler would relinquish his position as Chief Constable of Ramsgate on 1st April and it therefore became necessary for the committee and the Council to consider the position which would arise in connection with the Civil Defence organisation.

**Officials Consulted.**

"Mr. S. F. Butler," the report continued, "has acted as Sub-Controller from the inception of air raid precautions schemes in 1937 and has been responsible for the co-ordination of the various Civil Defence services in Ramsgate. Mr. Butler is conversant with the very detailed administration of the Civil Defence organisation and in view of the limited time before his retirement as Chief Constable, the Town Clerk had discussed the matter with the chief officials of all departments concerned with Civil Defence who unanimously take the view that the Council would be wise to consider the desirability of inviting Mr. Butler to continue as Sub-Controller for Civil Defence for an agreed period, subject to the approval of the Regional Commissioner."

When the report of Council in committee was presented the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) asked that consideration of the matter should be deferred as a technicality had arisen and the Town Clerk had had to go to Regional headquarters about the matter. He suggested that consideration of the matter should be adjourned and a special meeting held at an early date.

Alderman A. E. Petley: Has the Town Clerk been called to Tunbridge Wells or gone there on his own?

The Mayor: I have told you.

Alderman Petley said the reason he asked was that he thought the matter should be discussed in open Council. He wished to move that it be debated in open Council.

The Mayor: How can you debate it when we don't know the full facts?

Councillor J. B. Butler said he wished to second Alderman Petley's proposition. When they previously discussed the proposal there was a majority of 10 only out of 28 members.

**Like a "Wangle."**

Councillor H. Farmer said he was against the proposal when it came before Council in committee. He did not like the word "wangle," but it appeared that something very like it was going on. First they were told that the appointment would be allowed and now it seemed that it was to be disallowed.

Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, chairman of the Civil Defence Committee, said the Town Clerk phoned him the previous evening and said he had been informed by the appropriate Ministry that there was no power at present whereby payment could be made to a sub-controller or deputy sub-controller.

"The Town Clerk," continued Councillor Harcourt Samuel, "has gone to Tunbridge Wells to talk the whole matter over with the Regional Authority, who had previously expressed sympathy with the resolution passed by Council in committee, and he is endeavouring with them to see whether there is any way of obtaining payment or salary, although there is no provision in the Civil Defence Regulations for payment for the post as such."

The Mayor: You see the reasonableness of my proposal. We are in rather a funny position at the moment. Everything will be put before us.

The Council agreed to the Mayor's suggestion and the recommendation of Council in committee was referred back.

## DESERT VICTORY

### FINEST WAR FILM AT ODEON

"Desert Victory," the finest war film to date, forms part of the double-feature programme being presented at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The film is a record of the victory of the 8th Army over Rommel's forces and its advance from El Alamein to Tripoli. After the 8th Army had resisted Rommel's efforts to break the line and thus saved Cairo we see Gens. Alexander and Montgomery take over command. Then the Army is visited by the Prime Minister and the moment comes to strike. The epic story is told simply and straightforwardly and the film presents a brilliantly vivid picture of the campaign. The biggest barrage the desert has ever known opens the operations, then follows the break-through and Rommel's fight commences. The second feature being shown is "Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon," starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce.

Clark Gable and Lana Turner are together again in "Somewhere I'll Find You." chief feature for the latter part of the week. Gable and Robert Sterling, as brothers and newspapermen, are both in love with Miss Turner, also a correspondent on duty in Indo-China. The rivalry is rudely interrupted by the bombing of Pearl Harbour, which throws them into the maelstrom as something more than neutral observers. The supporting feature will be "The Body Vanished," with Anthony Hulme, C. Denier Warren and Ernest Sefton.

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a Chief Constable who had done better work or earned more gratitude from the people.

Responding, the Chief Constable said he could not have achieved what he had but for the good fellowship of the members of the force, the kind, sympathetic help of the Watch Committee and the goodwill of the public. He had felt it his duty to offer his services to the new Chief Constable of Kent.

The Chief Constable said he was not at liberty to tell them of the nature of the appointment he would receive, but it would be in a supervisory capacity. He would remain in the district, although his duties would be extended. The force at Margate would be under the control of C/I Fleet, who had been a tower of strength to him in carrying out his Civil Defence duties.

# FUTURE OF RAMSGATE HOSPITAL

## STATE OR VOLUNTARY CONTROL

### REMEDY IN LOCAL HANDS

The hope that the voluntary hospital would remain as an important part of the life of the town, enriching that life and those who gave of their substance and service, was expressed by Councillor the Rev. Harcourt Samuel, acting chairman of the Executive Committee, at the annual meeting of Ramsgate General Hospital, held at Clarendon House on Wednesday.

The meeting was presided over by Councillor Mrs. F. L. Dunn.

Moving the adoption of the reports and statements of accounts for the past four years, Mr. Harcourt Samuel said the hospital was in a sound position financially and this was very much to the credit of the secretary, Mr. John Brown. There had been many changes in the hospital, as well as in the town, since their last meeting in 1939.

Expenditure, said Mr. Harcourt Samuel, had inevitably increased—by approximately 25 per cent. Such a reasonable increase indicated careful management. Happily income had increased by approximately 30 per cent. The committee were particularly grateful for the continued support of people who were temporarily away from the town.

**Big Changes Coming.**

Beyond all doubt big changes were coming in the hospital world. Hospitals had been drawn closer together and plans had been laid for co-ordination and the closest co-operation between voluntary and municipal hospitals. More recently had come the Government's announcement of a national health service. Obviously they did not yet know how it would function, but he was glad to notice the Government's insistence that it must be an intensely personal service. That involved the choice of doctor and the continuance of voluntary hospitals.

Mr. Harcourt Samuel said he was not speaking without sympathy and admiration for municipal management, but he regarded the way voluntary hospitals had attracted the loyal and enthusiastic service of all sections of the community as something fine to be jealously safeguarded. To lose it would be a disaster—to replace it by bureaucracy would be worse.

"That danger," said the speaker, "lurks in county council and regional administration."

The reports and financial statements were adopted.

Moving the adoption of the reports for four years of the Extensions Appeal, Mr. C. S. J. Taylor, chairman of the Extensions Appeal Committee, said that with the advent of war it had been a grievous problem to know how to maintain the collection of money for any progressive purpose. The appeal for building the extensions of the hospital had not the attraction attached to other appeals at a time when people's minds were disturbed, but during the four years the fund was £1,750 better off.

**Overflow in Corridors.**

They set out to raise £50,000, which was the then estimated cost of additions to make a fully developed hospital. They hoped to get about half this figure very quickly in order to build the out-patients' department, which was most urgently needed. For the year ended December, 1939, 14,000 out-patient attendances were given, being the result of 4,366 cases. They had two or three tiny rooms to deal with this problem—the overflow was in the corridors of the hospital. It was not fair to the patients, not fair to the physicians and surgeons and not fair to the nurses. The remedy was in the hands of the local people. They had before them the battle of the voluntary hospital against the rate or state-run hospital. They had a hospital which was not developed to the extent which would ultimately satisfy the county and town authorities, and there was, therefore, the ever-impending threat of a larger hospital being erected out of public funds.

"It may fairly be said," continued Mr. Taylor, "that no public institution can be as economically managed as a private one. The march of science has decreed that hospitals will come more and more into the picture of public health, and whether the public like it or not, they will have to pay for it. Let us keep ours a voluntary hospital if we can."

Sir John Bayley was re-elected president and governors elected to serve on the General Committee were the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), Alderman J. J. White, Col. E. E. Ogier, Mrs. E. M. Stock, Messrs. John Blinko, C. S. J. Taylor, D. F. Warren, T. Wells, T. Wotton, G. H. Edwards, H. J. Perry and W. W. Wetherill.

**Doctor's Services Recognised.**

It was reported that Dr. R. J. Archibald had retired from the honorary staff on reaching the age limit and that he had been appointed by the General Committee as honorary consulting physician. His resignation as chairman of the Executive Committee was also reported.

Dr. Archibald was appointed honorary physician in March, 1912, and in recognition of his services it was decided to appoint him a vice-president of the hospital.

Moving a vote of thanks to the Matron and nursing staff, Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard said it was amazing that the nation as a whole had been slow to recognise the obligations they owed to the nursing profession and to see that it took its rightful position and status comparable with other professions.

After giving details of some of the recommendations for the improvement of the status of the profession contained in the Rushcliffe Committee's report, Cdr. Maynard said the people of Ramsgate should be proud and grateful for such a competent and efficient matron and nursing staff. They had had to perform their work under war-time conditions. They had had to contend not only with civil cases and casualties but also cases from the various services, and often under conditions of extreme danger.

A similar tribute was also paid to the honorary staff, the re-election of which was reported by the General Committee.

**More Patients.**

The annual report stated that the number of in-patients admitted during the past year was 725, an increase of 93 compared with the previous year, and the average daily number of beds occupied was 29·68, an increase of 8·43. The number of new out-patient cases treated during the year was 3,324, an increase of 699 compared with the previous year, and the total number of attendances was 7,732, an increase of 350.

The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £556 14s. 4d., compared with a deficit of £928 10s. 6d. the previous year. The surplus for the year was due to a number of legacies, including one of £2,655 1s. (on account) left by Mrs. Elizabeth Willson. During the year annual subscriptions increased from £651 13s. 1d. to £799 11s. 8d. and donations increased from £464 2s. 5d. to £631 3s. 3d. Contributory schemes brought in £1,233 7s. 6d. compared with £807 1s. 6d. the previous year. The biggest item on the expenditure side was £5,873 5s. 11d. for salaries and wages.

The lessons learned under blitz conditions were put to good use, continued the report, and the hospital had benefited from the experience of others. The total cost of air raid precautions to date was £3,644 4s. 6d., almost all of which had been reimbursed by the Government.

The hospital was visited on 22nd October by Miss Florence Horsburgh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, who spoke well of all she saw.

The report, after thanking all for their help during the year, concluded: "The outcome of the Beveridge Report on social insurance and allied services, and the recommendations of the Rushcliffe Committee on nurses salaries are awaited with keen interest."

The report of the Hospital Extensions Appeal stated that the total of the fund and promises at the end of the year was £10,702 2s. 10d., an increase of £271 10s. 3d. during the year, and £1,750 3s. 2d. since the war began. A feature during the year had been the way in which promises made before the war had been kept.

## SEVEN SWEETHEARTS

### ROMANCE AND COMEDY AT KING'S

Seven of the screen's prettiest and most promising actresses play the title roles in "Seven Sweethearts," chief feature at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

The film tells the charming story of the romances of seven beautiful sisters in the quaint Dutch quarter of Michigan. The youngest of them is played by Kathryn Grayson. Marsha Hunt has a comedy part as the stage-struck eldest sister who pursues Van Heflin, only to lose him to the youngest of the seven. The cast also includes Cecilia Parker, Diana Lewis, S. Z. Sakall, Isobel Elsom, Carl Esmond and Louise Beavers. Also being shown is "Ask a Policeman," starring Will Hay and Graham Moffatt.

Heading the bill for the latter part of the week is "Two Yanks in Trinidad," featuring Pat O'Brien and Brian Donlevy. The stellar pair wage war upon each other with delightful disregard for consequences, interrupting their fraternal homicide only long enough for them to join forces with each other in order to play a spectacular part in a bigger war. Lovely Janet Blair, comparative newcomer to the screen, shares acting honours with "the Two Yanks," and major supporting players include Donald McBride, Roger Clark and John Emery. "Promise Fulfilled," with Bill Elliott and Evelyn Young, will also be shown.

## WAR AGAINST WEEDS

Ever since man gave up his nomadic existence and settled on the land he has been fighting a war against weeds. For several centuries his armament has been much the same—the hand, the hoe and the harrow. It is only in the last 50 years that scientists have been gradually forging a new weapon—the destruction of weeds by chemicals applied as sprays or powders.

Some farmers have been quick to add this new arm to their armoury, but others have kept to the traditional ways. Perhaps this is because the weeds, like the poor, are always with us and have been treated not only with too much contempt but also with too little thought for the way they impoverish crops. It is not realised that weeds take an ell for every inch and that by the time weeds like charlock are in flower nearly all the damage to cereal crops is done. Nor is it realised that the early destruction of weeds by spraying may even double or treble the yield of grain, while increases of 50 per cent. are common.

The offensive has opened against weeds—a campaign not only against weeds in cereals but also in other crops. This offensive on several fronts is possible because of war-time developments—there are now more spraying machines, improvements in technique and new methods. In the front line is sulphuric acid with its swift and deadly attack on many weeds. For spraying cereals sulphuric acid has been in use for many years, but its use against weeds growing in onions and leeks is new. Also new is the spraying of the seedbed just before slow germinating crops, like parsnips and mangolds, emerge above ground. This means that, without hoeing, the crop makes a clean start instead of facing the faster-germinating weeds in well-entrenched positions.


## MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

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### NOTICE TO ALL OCCUPIERS

**of premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1942 (except Hospitals and Schools, which are not carried on for purposes of gain).**

**Group 1. COAL** (other than those grades mentioned below).

Except by licence, supplies to any controlled premises may not exceed 1 ton during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the stock of this fuel at any premises above 2 tons.

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Except by licence, supplies to any premises of fuels in this group may not exceed a total of 1 ton **per month** and no supplies may be acquired which would raise the total stock of these fuels at any premises above 4 tons.

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Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer, it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed the quantities specified or to obtain any of these fuels otherwise than from your registered supplier.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises depends on the state of local supply.

Consumers whose requirements justify the holding of larger stocks are invited to apply for licences for stocking, during the summer, such quantities as will meet their reasonable winter requirements. Enquiries should be addressed to the Local Fuel Overseers at:

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| R. D. Brimmell, Clarendon House, Ramsgate. | P. T. Grove, Royal School, Victoria Road, Margate. | Fred A. Cloke. St. Albans Court, Nonington. Nr. Dover. | S. W. Richardson, 134 High Street, Broadstairs. |

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## 25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### THE WAR OF 1914-18

On Tuesday the new restrictions came into force regarding economy in the use of gas and electric light. The new Order makes it compulsory for all theatres and places of amusement to be closed by 10.30 p.m. and it also restricts the amount of light which may be shown from shop windows. No meals may be served in hotels and restaurants after 10.30 p.m. Householders are also called upon to reduce their electric light and gas consumption by one-sixth of the amount they used in the corresponding quarters of 1916 or 1917, whichever is greater.

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We are able this week to give the views of well-known men in the district upon the interesting proposal that Thanet should be formed into a county borough, with all the privileges and advantages attaching to the additional dignity. (The views were quoted of Alderman A. W. Larkin, Mr. James Wright and Councillors S. Nash and H. Bing.)

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The Vicar of St. Lawrence, the Rev. R. F. Bevan, left on Tuesday, having undertaken to work with the Y.M.C.A. at the front.

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Miss D. Mascall, formerly quartermaster at Nethercourt V.A.D. Hospital, who has been in training at the Crystal Palace for some time, has now successfully passed her examination as an officer in the "Wrens" and is expecting to take up her new duties very shortly.

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A victory anthem, the words of which have been chosen by the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. E. L. A. Hertslet) and the music by Dr. T. Haigh, is to be printed by a London firm of music publishers.

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Ex-P/C Frederick Wale, R.H.A., of the Ramsgate Borough Police Force, is in hospital in Leeds, having been wounded in the arm while serving in France. He has been on active service since the commencement of the war.

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Gnr. S. Penney, R.G.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Penney, of the Rose and Crown Inn, Ramsgate, is one of the local men who were gassed in the German offensive. He was in the Arras region and a report received by the parents states that he is now in the East Leeds Military Hospital.

## 50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

### ITINERANT MUSICIANS

At a meeting of Broadstairs and St. Peter's Local Board a letter was read from Dr. Raven (chairman of the Band Committee), who stated that he had been asked to communicate with the Board with regard to the itinerant musicians who played on the terrace and in the streets during the season. He felt strongly that, with the view to preventing the deterioration of the class of visitor, it was necessary to limit the performances of "negro minstrels, barrel organs and other instruments of torture." On the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Newling, the Clerk was instructed to reply to Dr. Raven's letter stating that the matter would receive the Board's attention, and the police would be instructed in the matter.

### WAGES INCREASE

Mr. J. Ralph, road foreman, applied to the Board for an increase of wages, stating that he had become more acquainted with the work. His present wages were 25s. per week. Mr. May remarked that Mr. Ralph seemed to take a great interest in his work, and he would move that an increase of 2s. 6d. a week be made in his present wages. Mr. Newling seconded.—Carried unanimously.

**WEST CLIFF THEATRE, RAMSGATE**

**To-morrow, April 7th**

7.30 p.m.—12.30 a.m.

THE MILITARY BALL OF THE YEAR

**ANNUAL BATTALION BALL**

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Tickets 3/- from Odeon Theatre, West Cliff Theatre, and from Officers and Cadets of the Battalion, on sale now.

# RAMSGATE

**Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.**

**Whist Drives** held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

**Special Inspector Thanked.**—Inspr. Morrison, of the Special Constabulary, has been thanked by the Watch Committee of Ramsgate Town Council for his voluntary supervision of police vehicles.

**St. Dunstan's Collection.**—Permission has been given for the Ramsgate wardens' service to assist in a house-to-house collection on behalf of St. Dunstan's.

**Whist Drives** every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

**Assistant Transport Superintendent.**—Mr. W. H. Sekker, of Sutton Valence, near Maidstone, has been appointed assistant superintendent (transport) in the Ramsgate Civil Defence service at a salary at the rate of £5 3s. 6d. a week.

**National Savings.**—National savings in Ramsgate for the week ended 27th March amounted to £8,293, comprising £6,150 in savings bonds, £1,525 deposited in the Post Office savings bank and £618 in savings certificates.

**You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen street, Ramsgate.**

**Twenty-five Years' Service.**—D/C Foster, who completed 25 years' service with Ramsgate Police Force on Saturday, has been assured of the pension due to him under the Police Pensions Acts. Proficiency increments are to be paid to P/Cs Sayer, Close and Honess.

**Police Representative.**—Alderman A. E. Petley, chairman of the Watch Committee, has been appointed Ramsgate Council's representative on the Standing Joint Committee for Kent for the purposes of the provisions of the Police Amalgamation (Kent) Order, 1943.

**Petrol Consumption Drop.**—Following the discontinuance of the use of Civil Defence vehicles for the transport of school children in connection with the provision of meals, there was a drop of 97 gallons in petrol consumed by Ramsgate C.D. vehicles in February compared with the preceding month.

**Mrs. T. R. Pidduck,** of Roseridge, Mayforth-gardens, Ramsgate, would like friends and all kind enquirers to know that Tony is home and fully recovered from his accident. She thanks them and also the doctors and nurses at the Ramsgate General Hospital for their kindness and attention.

**Future of Education.**—Mr. J. Mansfield, Kent member of the National Union of Teachers Executive, is to address an open meeting, arranged by Ramsgate Teachers' Association, to be held at St. George's Schools on Saturday, 10th April. Mr. Mansfield will speak of "The Future of Education," and his address should be of particular interest in view of the radical changes which are likely to be provided for in the new Education Bill to be placed before Parliament shortly. The provisions of the Bill should be as much the concern of parents as of teachers.

## SCORER—SMITH

### MINISTER'S RAMSGATE WEDDING

A wedding of great interest to the parishioners of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, took place at St. Andrew's, Weston-on-Trent, Staffordshire, on Saturday.

It was the marriage between the Rev. Denys G. S. Scorer, son of the Rev. and Mrs. N. V. Scorer, of Hale, Cheshire, and Miss Joan G. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, of 7 Winstanley-crescent.

The bridegroom came to Ramsgate in 1940 as curate of St. Luke's Church but owing to the church and its organisations closing, was forced to leave the town for St. Matthew's, Surbiton, where he and the bride are returning after their honeymoon in Wales.

An old girl of Clarendon House School, the bride left in the summer of 1935 and was employed as a clerk in her father's office. She joined the Ramsgate A.R.P. service as a driver at the beginning of the war but after two years went to East Molesey, Surrey, as an assistant foster-mother in one of the Surrey County Council's children's homes. While at St. Luke's she was assistant organist for several years. When the Church Army sister left Ramsgate the bride was promoted to captain of the girls' section of the Better Britain Brigade.

Attired in a two-piece dress, she carried a spray of white carnations and was given away by her father, who is well-known in Ramsgate as a builder.

The ceremony was conducted by the bridegroom's father and the Rev. W. H. Dodd, Vicar of Weston. Mr. M. Gaskill (brother-in-law of the bridegroom) was best man.

The organist was Mr. A. S. Robinson, formerly organist and choirmaster of St. Luke's, Ramsgate, and the hymn "Now thank we all our God" and Psalm 67 were sung, while the solo "Let all the world in every corner sing" was rendered by the bride's brother Colin, who is a chorister in Lichfield Cathedral.

A reception was afterwards held in the war-time home of the bride's mother at Shirleywich.

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# Something Worth While

## FORCES CLUB OPENED

A short time ago the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) called the townspeople together in order that they should hear about a scheme for making happier the lot of the lads and lassies in the forces who are stationed in the district.

The idea was to provide a social club exclusively for members of the services and the Mayor, in his irresistible way, asked patrons to open their purses and also offer gifts in kind in order that the venture might become a practicable proposition.

The response exceeded all expectations and those who answered the appeal saw the happy result of their generosity on Monday, when the Mayor opened the beautifully equipped club premises at 3 and 5 King-street.

Many have worked hard in the past few weeks to convert the former provision stores into a club but a special share of credit is due to the Rev. Stanley B. Green, minister of Ramsgate Congregational Church, who is the hon. secretary. In a difficult task he has been assisted by various organisations including Toc H, Rotary Club and Inner Wheel, the W.V.S., the combined churches, the Good Templars and the staff of Clarendon House.

### Magnificent Response.

Declaring the club open, the Mayor said the response made to his appeal was magnificent. During the first fortnight, he said, a sum of £364 was raised and he thought that very creditable to the town. "Once again," he continued, "you must lift your hats to the tradesmen, for in the main it was they who subscribed the money. I offer them a special vote of thanks for their kindness."

The Mayor said that some time ago they had a similar club for the forces at Wellstood House but unfortunately it was in the wrong position and therefore was not the success that had been anticipated. Further, they were not helped by the fact that the troops left the district within a few weeks of its opening. The new club was in an excellent position and he thanked Messrs. Truman for allowing them to have the premises at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year.

"Here in the centre of the town," he said, "we have something worth while. We have been able to do a good job for the boys and girls with a willing band of helpers. Everybody has a part to play. They cannot all given money but they can help in other ways."

After thanking the workers individually, the Mayor said they were all out to pull together and only by doing so could they make the club a success.

Mr. Green thanked Alderman Kempe for opening the club and said the Mayor had led the scheme enthusiastically. As those present inspected the club, he said, they would feel that any sacrifice they had made had been worth while.

### Many Amenities.

On entering the club one is struck by its spaciousness and brightness. The lofty room that houses its ground floor facilities could easily appear bare and uninviting but this difficulty has been eliminated by the gay scenery that covers the walls. The setting out of the room has been well planned to give ample room to those who wish to play billiards, bagatelle, darts and other games.

The whole of the first floor is occupied by the dining-room, where large windows open out on to the street. Meals can be bought at a small cafeteria which is partitioned off from the tables.

At the top of the next flight of stairs are rooms where the men and women can enjoy quieter recreation or write their letters. There are separate rooms for each sex and also another room in which they can mix. All are well supplied with easy chairs and tables on which books and popular periodicals are neatly arranged.

Although the churches have played a great part in the scheme, the club has not been formed on a religious basis. Nevertheless, for those who desire it, a small chapel with a beautiful altar, is on the third floor, and short evening services will be held there.

## FUNERAL OF MISS WINNIFRED NEWMAN

Church life in Ramsgate has lost a staunch supporter and loyal friend by the death on Tuesday of Miss Winnifred Newman, of 33 Penshurst-road, Ramsgate.

Miss Newman, who was 62 years of age, devoted many years of her life to the welfare of the parish of St. Paul's, and when St. Paul's closed owing to the war was associated with Holy Trinity and St. George's Churches.

Miss Newman leaves two sisters and one brother.

Holy Trinity Church was full on Friday when a choral service preceded the interment at Ramsgate Cemetery.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Culmer), assisted by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth (Vicar of Ramsgate) and the Rev. R. C. J. White, of Frittenden (formerly Vicar of St. Paul's).

The chief mourners were Mr. George Newman (brother), Miss Alice Newman (sister), Mrs. G Newman (sister-in-law) and Mrs. and Miss Thurstin.

Floral tributes included those from: George and Helen; Dora and Alice; Kathleen and Chris; Aunt Minnie and family; Minnie; Fr. and Mrs. Williams; the Rev. and Mrs. Culmer; Fr. and Mrs. White and family; Mrs. and Miss Blackwell; Old Friends at St. Paul's; Members of St. Paul's Bible Class and Church; Holy Trinity Mothers' Union and Fellowship; Holy Trinity Girls' Club; St. George's Sunday School; Members of the Parochial Soup Kitchen; Her Pupils in the Crypt; Miss Saunders; Miss Joslin; Miss Saunders; Mrs. Hall; Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Waite; Pat and Dolly; Bobby and Betty Moor; Mrs. Austin and family; Mrs. Thurstin and family; Laura, Blanche and Hilda; Zoe; Emily and Amy; Mrs. Day and the Misses Willey; Bertha; Miss Gibbs; Mr. and Mrs. Bishop; Mabel; the Misses Lomax; Mrs. Davies; Maggie; Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson; Miss Emburey; Joan Jeffries.

Mr. W. H. Maskell, of Hardres-street, Ramsgate was the undertaker.

## WOODWARD—TAYLOR

### HOLY TRINITY WEDDING

A/B Herbert Richard Albert Woodward, who returned to Ramsgate last November after his release from internment in Algeria, was married at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, on Sunday.

His bride was Miss Gwendoline Pearl Winifred Taylor, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Taylor, of 97 Hereson-road, Ramsgate, who is the contralto of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troopers Concert Party.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Woodward, of 38 St. David's-road, "Sandy," as he is popularly known, was a member of the crew of the cruiser Manchester, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. With 500 shipmates he landed on the Tunisian coast and the men were then interned in Algeria. After three months of gruelling hardships they were released by the French at the start of the Allied offensive in North Africa.

The bride, who is employed at a local laundry, was given away by her father and was dressed in white satin, with veil and coronet of orange blossom and silver shoes. She carried a sheaf of lilies.

The three attendants were Miss Joan Taylor (sister), Mrs. Renee Crouch (matron of honour, cousin of the bridegroom) and six-year-old Georgina Taylor, the popular child star of the Troopers party. Joan and Renee were attired in dresses of pea-green silk and Georgina in pink floral silk. They all wore headdresses to match and carried daffodils.

Mr. Thomas Woodward (brother of the bridegroom) was best man, the Rector (the Rev. A. H. Culmer) conducted the service, and a reception was afterwards held at St. Ethelbert's Hall.

"Sandy" returns from his leave on Thursday.

## USED ARMY LEATHER

### BROADSTAIRS BOOT REPAIRER IN COURT

The case was dismissed under the Probation of Offenders' Act when Frederick George Reader, aged 53, a boot repairer, of High-street, Broadstairs, was summoned at Margate Cinque Ports police court on Monday for unlawfully having public stores in his possession.

Representing defendant, Mr. A. R. Young questioned whether the charge had been properly drawn up under the Public Stores Act, 1875. The offence under the act was of having in one's possession Government stores reasonably suspected as having been stolen or unlawfully obtained. If the charge were amended he would plead guilty.

The magistrates agreed that the charge should be amended.

Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., said L/Cpl. John William Collins took two pairs of shoes to defendant for repair and collected them a fortnight later, paying 7s. 6d. for each. He later noticed that the heels of one pair had been repaired with leather bearing the letters "W.D." and a broad arrow. He reported this to his superior officer and the police were informed.

P/S Butler, who interviewed defendant, said Reader told him that an unknown soldier had brought four pieces of W.D. leather to him and asked him to repair two pairs of heels. He found the leather was not large enough for the job and used his own leather. He used the W.D. leather on Collins' shoes.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Booth) said defendant was not to know that the soldier who brought him the leather did not obtain it lawfully.

## MERCHANT NAVY WEEK

### RAMSGATE EFFORT TO HELP THE SAILORS

Organised by the Mayor of Ramsgate (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), a Merchant Navy Week is to be held in Ramsgate from 31st July to 7th August.

The week will be on the lines of pre-war carnival weeks and a Merchant Navy Queen will be elected.

The week will open with a flag day on 31st July and on Bank Holiday Monday a fete, a feature of which will be an all-star concert, will be held in the grounds of Chatham House.

Whist drives are among the other entertainments to be held during the week.

## SOLDIERS CHARGED

### ALLEGED STOREBREAKING AT MARGATE

Charged with breaking into a store at 6 Hatfeild-road, Margate, between 22nd and 30th March and stealing several articles, including a wireless set and cutlery, Gnr. Harold Roberts and L/Bdr. Wilfred Blackwell were remanded in custody at Margate police court on Friday.

D/C Tinson, giving evidence of arrest, said he saw Roberts the previous day and told him he was making enquiries about several cases of storebreaking in Hatfeild-road. He told accused that he understood he had sent a wireless set to the Liverpool district recently and Roberts admitted breaking into the house and stealing it. Blackwell admitted he had taken some cutlery.

Defendants were remanded until Wednesday next week.

**BLACK-OUT TO-DAY FROM 9.9 p.m. TILL 6.57 a.m.**

# *On Service*

## *NEWS OF THANET MEN & WOMEN*

**O.R's Middle East "Branch."** Through a notice in the personal column of the Middle East magazine "Gen," E. W. Noble, a member of the Old Ruymian Club, has formed an unofficial branch of the organisation overseas. He requested O.Rs in the Middle East to get in touch with him and the result was that over 40 responded.

In a letter published in Old Ruymian Notes for the March quarter he gives news of some of the men who have contacted him, among them Gnr. P. T. Kilgannon, who has returned to his R.A. unit after a spell in hospital. Acm. W. L. Simpson is still in Egypt on an out-station, leading what he calls a "simple" life and while on leave in Palestine he made Jerusalem his headquarters. Pte. J. B. Richens, who enjoyed Christmas, 1942, much better than the previous one, which was spent in hospital, has passed his trade test and is now a "full-blown" clerk. Another clubman of whom news is included in the letter is the Rev. L. W. (Steve) Lovely, padre of St. Mark's Church, Muhamed Aly Square, Alexandria, whose wife and children have been evacuated to South Africa. He is longing to hear the bells of St. John's Church, Margate, again.

**3,000 Letters A Year.** As usual the Notes contain a wealth of information about O.Rs serving at home and overseas and are their own tribute to the hard and willing work of the Editor, Mr. L. C. Philpott. In his foreword we read the staggering statement that he receives 3,000 letters a year from O.Rs but less surprising is the second part of the sentence—"it is impossible to answer all of them at the length he desires or that they deserve." Only a brief summary of the Notes—a few names picked out from a long list—is possible here.

**Yellow Perils In India!** Early in the book we find the name of A. Pemble, who entered Chatham House in 1919. He arrived in India after an uncomfortable voyage and in a description of his surroundings mentioned ox-carts, street letter-writers (now equipped with typewriters), beggars, oxen asleep on the pavement, foul smells and indescribable squalor. Later his company were transported in saloon coaches—similar to the late Isle of Thanet trams—in intense heat to a bare plain 2,000ft. above sea-level. Here the temperature was much more bearable, although the monsoons were about to break and every type of insect was in constant attendance. Some time afterwards Pemble left India and appeared in either Iran or Iraq, where he described the inhabitants of the neighbourhood as being descended from Ali Baba or some of the 40 thieves.

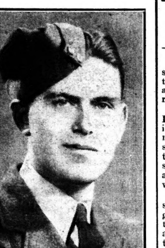
**Shakespeare In Africa.** J. C. E. Hill, a contemporary of Pemble, has been in West Africa with the R.A.F. for over a year and hopes to return to England during the spring. Entertainments at his station include an open-air theatre, with film shows and gramophone recitals, a dramatic club which has produced a revue and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and a piano on which Hill is in demand. His twin brother, F. O. E. Hill, is spending his fourth winter in the north with the Ministry of Works and Planning and is a member of the Home Guard.

**Ground Date-stones For "Coffee."** Among O.Rs with the 1st Army in North Africa is E. J. Rickards (Chatham House, 1926), who, on landing, found that the interpreter—a Tunisian—attached to his group had spent holidays in Broadstairs and that they had some mutual acquaintances. He thought the most amazing part of the expedition was the food—tasty, but quite unidentifiable—but he described how the natives were subsisting on the barest minimum of commodities due to the systematic enemy plundering. "Coffee" consisted chiefly of ground date-stones and acorns.

**In Three Navies.** J. S. Stafford (1933) is believed to be the only O.R. who has served in three navies. Beginning in the Australian, he was transferred to the British and is now in the Greek. He is one of six Britons serving in a ship otherwise manned by Greeks and remarks on the considerably easier discipline prevailing. Stafford and the others are left very much to themselves and have most of their food ashore. The O.R's naval contingent has been increased by the calling up of A. R. Gay and F. Stacpoole-Ryding (both 1936), the former, a Sea Cadet, volunteering before registration. In his first signalling examination in morse flashing and buzzer, etc., he came out top of his class with 95 per cent. Stacpoole-Ryding was expecting to be released from his naval training for an engineering cadetship.

**Camel Meat is Tasty.** The distinction of having served with the Army in nine countries, including India, Persia and Egypt, is claimed by P. J. d'A. Costerton (1927), who has been in hospital in the Middle East. When he wrote to Mr. Philpott his meat ration consisted entirely of horse, goat and camel, of which the last-named is apparently the best. Costerton has applied for transfer to the ski troops and for a post-war commission.

And here, to end, are a few titbits from the pages of the Notes—T. C. F. Salt (1929) has written from Moscow sending a copy of the programme of the Russian ballet which he attended. After 18 months at a Scottish base, R. Dobson (1929), who left H.M.S. Hood just before she was lost, has been appointed to another ship. N. B. Gentry (1929), whose father is licensee of the Racing Greyhound, Ramsgate, was at Tobruk during the siege, later went to a naval camp in South Africa and has now been drafted to a ship again. Surgeon-lieutenant in a destroyer, E. J. W. Barnard (1920) has in the last seven years qualified as M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B. and B.S., as well as obtaining the Diploma in Anæsthetics. K J. Sarjeant (1922) has returned to khaki as a member of the newly-formed Army Fire Service, a branch of the Pioneer Corps. With a commission in the Army Dental Corps, H. H. S. Payne (1926) has been posted to a mobile dental unit serving isolated units. J. B. May (1932) is nearing the end of his O.C.T.U. course and plays rugger regularly for his unit.



**Deadly Sandstorm.** "It's pretty deadly while it lasts," says Acm. Stephen Johnson, R.A.F., describing a sandstorm which struck his camp in the Middle East. Twenty-one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, of 10 Bright's-place, Ramsgate, Stephen is with a maintenance unit, having joined the service after being employed by a local butcher. An old boy of St. Augustine's School, he is well-known among the Roman Catholic Community in Ramsgate.

With his letter he sent three effective snapshots of the sandstorm—the first as it approached in the distance, the second just before it reached the camp and the third when it finally got there. "You will notice how dark it is," he writes, "although the time is about 2.30 in the afternoon." Stephen enjoyed a good Christmas spread of turkey, pork, pudding and mince pies, and after that the boys arranged a concert and a donkey derby. He has been to some queer places for Mass and while on one occasion a portable altar on a lorry was used, they had to make do at another time with a plank of wood placed across a couple of barrels. Petrol cans and forms have also served the same purpose.

**Musical Mechanic.** Old Hornets now in their early twenties will remember young Richard Howells. He became captain of Hereson School in 1935 and a year or so after leaving made quite a name for himself as an entertainer. Winning a talent contest on the stage of the Palace Theatre, Ramsgate, he followed up with a week's engagement there and afterwards toured the country for four years playing the piano and piano-accordeon. Came the war and Richard left the stage to take up Government work but nearly two years ago he entered the R.A.F. He is now 22 years old and stationed in the eastern counties as a flight mechanic.

Richard, who was home last weekend, is engaged to Miss Lena Sayer, of Margate-road, and on Sunday they attended the wedding of her cousin, "Sandy" Woodward, reported in another column. They are hoping to get married themselves soon but are waiting for Richard's brother Cecil to come home for the occasion. Cecil, 21 last month, is a leading stoker in a submarine and is at present in Mediterranean waters. While at St. George's School he revealed himself as a skillful footballer and gained a place in the Ramsgate Schoolboys' team. In peace-time he was employed as a shop assistant at Northwood.

He and Richard are sons of Mrs. Howells, of Bryn Hyfrid, Roman-road, Ramsgate, and their father, Pte. Bryn Howells of The Buffs, died last September.

**From Accounts to Spanners.** Miss Gladys King has left her desk in the offices of Broadstairs Gas Company for a new life in the W.A.A.F. She entered the service, for which she had volunteered, on Monday and, very shortly, expects to start her training as a flight-mechanic. Twenty-three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. King, of 5 St. George's-road, Broadstairs, Gladys has been with the company for about 3½ years and during the past nine months has worked energetically as secretary of its sports club. Before joining the company she was employed in the Broadstairs office of a local newspaper. Well-known among local skating enthusiasts, she was, in peace-time, a member of the Margate Roller-Skating and Rink Hockey Club. Gladys' father, popularly known in Broadstairs as "Bob" King, served in the South African War and the first Great War, and for many years was employed on the outdoor staff of Broadstairs Council. He is now helping to build Sunderlands at an aircraft factory.

**Among the Stars.** Sgt.-Plt. Dudley Ward, R.A.F., of 161 Canterbury-road, Margate, the first member of the Thanet Squadron, Air Training Corps, to gain his pilot's "wings," has been on leave after his recent return from America. Initial training in the A.T.C. literally gave Sgt. Ward a flying start in the service and in July last, six months after entering the R.A.F., he was sent to a reception centre in Canada for three weeks. Afterwards he travelled through the United States to receive his training as a pilot at Phoenix, Arizona.

Like other local men who have been over there, he speaks highly of American hospitality. While at Phoenix he hitch-hiked 500 miles to Los Angeles and spent a week's leave in Hollywood, where he was entertained by Bing Crosby and met such film stars as Bob Hope, Gene Tierney and Veronica Lake.

Sgt. Ward is an old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, and on his way home met two other Old Ruymians, A. T. Riordan, of Margate, and Sgt. Roberts, of Ramsgate, who have both completed their training as pilots—the former in the Fleet Air Arm and the latter in the R.A.F.

**Seven Days in Open Boat.** Mr. and Mrs. J. Peakall, of St. Olaves, Northwood-road, Broadstairs, temporarily living at Sturry, have two sons and a daughter in the Forces. Desmond, aged 21, the eldest son, enlisted in The Buffs three years ago and 12 months later transferred to the Maritime A.A. Regiment. A year ago he spent seven days in an open boat after the ship in which he was serving had been sunk. Brian, the other son, is an air mechanic in the Fleet Air Arm and the daughter, Cpl. Iris Peakall, has been serving in the W.A.A.F. for two years.

**Births and Deaths.**—Eight boys and three girls were born in Ramsgate during February and the deaths were recorded of six males and 11 females.

# ARMY CAPTAIN ACCUSED

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Witness went to him quietly and said "Excuse me, sir, but I don't think you are wise in talking as you are in a public-house in front of other ranks."

Accused said "Well, I mean what I say. Eighty per cent. of the Jews in this country are involved in black market cases." Witness and his sister then left, his sister remarking that she would not like one of her sons to be led by a man like the accused. Witness added that accused was not drunk.

Accused suggested that witness' statement of the alleged remarks was given in the wrong order, and that if they were transposed they would have an innocuous meaning. He suggested that he might have said "Mosley is the man for the job," meaning that he was the man to make the Jews do similar hard work in this country.

Witness maintained that the remarks were made in the order he had stated. He made notes of them for the purpose of reporting the matter and did, in fact, report it.

Witness said he did not know how much liquor accused had had that evening, but agreed that he might have been drinking for hours.

Mrs. Mabel Alice Baker, of Connaught-road, Margate, sister of the previous witness, gave corroborative evidence of accused's remarks and said apparently he did not like the Jews. She felt annoyed to think that an officer should speak like that in public and remarked "I would not like to have a son of mine under you," to which accused did not reply.

She heard accused say the Jews and capitalists were the cause of the war and that Mr. Churchill was influenced by the Jews.

Evidence on the third charge was given by P/C Farley, of Margate, who stated that at 10.45 p.m. on 23rd December last he was on duty at Margate railway station when he saw a soldier on the platform shouting at the top of his voice "Down with the Jews. Kick out the ——." He came to witness and complained that he had been overcharged 1½d. on the fare to Broadstairs, adding that it was "all on account of the —— Jews."

Witness told him to behave himself and conduct himself as an officer of his rank and a gentleman should do. He went down the platform, joined a sailor and a woman, and continued shouting until the train came in five or seven minutes later. He had been drinking, but was not drunk."

Accused's conduct was the subject of comment by four soldiers, one of whom remarked "That is the type of man we have got to serve under." Those soldiers were not very orderly.

Sgt. R. T. Reynolds, of the special investigation branch of the Army, said accused did not deny making remarks about the Jews and Mosley. He said any remarks he made were made in good faith, as he had personally suffered at the hands of the Jews. He said he did not remember giving a toast to Sir Oswald Mosley.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Capt. Mitchell said he could not remember the alleged conversation in the Crown Hotel on 2nd December. He and the soldiers went there to rehearse a song one of the men was going to sing at their Christmas concert. He denied saying the Germans were a cultured nation. He had taken a certain amount of interest in political matters and was perfectly certain he would not have made a remark of that description. He might have referred to a cultured community, but never to a cultured country.

### No Clear Recollection.

He remembered having a conversation at the First and Last and being spoken to by a man who was apparently eavesdropping. He maintained that some of the sentences he was alleged to have used had been taken out of their context, and that in others the witnesses were mistaken.

Concerning the third charge, accused said he had no recollection of shouting "Down with the Jews" at the railway station. During his conversation with the policeman he might have mentioned Jews, because he had the Jewish question fresh in his mind, but he had no clear recollection of the remarks he did make.

Referring to the allegation that he said Mr. Churchill was hand in glove with or employed by Jews, accused said no one with any political knowledge would say such a thing. He did not think Mr. Churchill was pro-Jewish, and in support of that view he said he thought it was significant that Mr. Churchill "got rid" of Mr. Hore Belisha.

"Mr. Hore Belisha has spoken to me," he went on "and has expressed his astonishment at Mr. Churchill's bitterness towards him."

Regarding the allegation that he said Sir Oswald Mosley was the man for the job of Prime Minister, accused said no one who knew anything about the British Union of Fascists would think that Mosley would be Prime Minister. He would be something entirely different.

Asked by Capt. Hazell if he admired Sir Oswald Mosley, accused replied "I would admire anyone who would suffer for his convictions."

Mr. Darnly, accused's "friend," gave evidence, and first said he had been associated with Jewish people in business for some time and his relations with them had always been friendly and cordial. He spoke of accused's philanthropic work and said he had noticed a great change in him since he suffered concussion in a car accident about two years ago.

### £500 Bank Overdraft.

A small amount of drink seemed to influence him to an extraordinary extent. He had never known him to swear. Accused was at present suffering under the disability of a £500 overdraft at the bank which, witness thought, proved his philanthropic tendencies. Witness thought he was obsessed with the belief that he was persecuted by the Jews.

Accused alleged that he had been treated with contempt by Jewish doctors since he had been in the Army. They had made allegations as to his professional skill. In his private practice Jewish doctors had tried to solicit his patients.

Addressing the court, Capt. Mitchell said "I wish to stress the point that I am convinced I am the victim of Jewish persecution."

He went on to analyse the evidence of the witnesses, suggesting that in some respects they were mistaken, and said he had no recollection of making the statements which had been alleged.

"You know my beliefs," he went on. "No punishment in the world can erase them from my mind or prevent me giving expression to them. I would like to feel that when the court has brushed aside these mistaken witnesses they will bear in mind that my views are based on the experience of a family practice in a large industrial area, and the more experience I have of that the more convinced I am that I am right."

The Deputy Judge Advocate asked accused whether he wished to elaborate his statement that "I am convinced I am the victim of Jewish persecution." A sentence flung out in that way, he said, with no explanation, would probably be ignored by the court.

Accused said he did not wish to trouble the court any further with that point, because he thought he had dealt with it.

### Jewish Influence.

The Deputy Judge Advocate: Are you suggesting that this case has been brought because of some Jewish influence? Is that in your mind? You say "I have been the victim of Jewish persecution," not "I am."

Accused: When one has no positive evidence it is very difficult to make a definite affirmation on a question of that description. Quite frankly, I cannot help feeling that Jewish influence is at work in this case. I have really no evidence I can put before the court that would influence you in any way.

"I know in this country," went on accused, "that the Jews are trying to get control of the medical profession. It strikes me that the present system outlined in the Beveridge Report is merely a system to make the medical profession in this country safe for Jewry and for the influx of Jews we have had in the past eight years. In that respect I cannot produce any evidence, but it is obvious that the more Gentiles who get off the register, the more room there is for Jews."

The Deputy Judge Advocate, summing up the case to the court, emphasised that because an officer aired views with which the court did not agree it did not automatically follow that his conduct was prejudicial to good order and military discipline. We were proud in this country that every citizen had the right of free speech, and that was the basis of the defence in the case.

After the court had considered the case the President stated that they had no findings to announce.

Evidence of accused's character was given by an officer, who said he was commissioned in January, 1942.

The President announced that sentence, subject to confirmation, would be promulgated later.

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# BROADSTAIRS

**National Savings.**—National savings in Broadstairs for the week ended 27th March amounted to £2,998, bringing the total for the month to £8,952.

**Gas Identification Officer.**—Mr. T. A. Green, of Broadstairs, has been appointed an additional gas identification officer for the area.

**Old Comrades' Whist.**—Winners at the weekly whist drive held by the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association were Pte. Read, Mr. Adams, Miss Blackmore, Mrs. King, Pte. Devon, Pte. Delaney and Mr. Lawrence.

**Back Home.**—Eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, of The Vale, Broadstairs, Ldg. Acm. William J. Taylor has returned to this country from Canada. While in Canada his mother broadcast a message to him and his camp was visited by the late Duke of Kent and Capt. H. H. Balfour, M.C., M.P. Ldg. Acm. Taylor's father is serving in the Royal Navy.

**Vanishing Columns.**—Following the removal and disposal for salvage of 160 lamp columns, and a proposal to deal similarly with a further 30 columns, the Clerk (Mr. E. F. Owen) has been instructed by Broadstairs Council to terminate the existing war-time arrangement with Broadstairs Gas Co. for the hire of controllers and for the cleaning and maintenance of lamps and to negotiate new arrangements based on the altered circumstances.

**Civil Defence Appointment.**—Mr. E. Rose, formerly building inspector in the service of Ramsgate Town Council, has been appointed senior group officer in the Civil Defence Reserve of the Midland Region.

## Births, Engagements, Marriages and Deaths

### BIRTHS

**Palmer.**—26th March, at 15 Broad-street, Ramsgate, to Inez Thora, wife of Sgt. Harold Palmer, R.A., the gift of a daughter (Inez Elsie).

### MARRIAGES

**Bond—Impett.**—28th March, at St. John's Church, Margate, Geoffrey Lawrence Bond, R.A.F., of Cheshire, to Evelyn Mary Impett, W.A.A.F., of Margate.

**Hammon—Smith.**—27th March, at Monkton Parish Church, Lionel William Hammon to Ivy Lillian Smith, both of Monkton.

**Hawes—Fright.**—29th March, at St. John's Church, Margate, by the Rev. K. Percival Smith, Ronald Duncan Hawes to Hilda Kate Fright, both of Margate.

**Woodward—Taylor.**—4th April, at Holy Trinity Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. A. H. Culmer, A/B Herbert Richard Albert Woodward, R.N., to Gwendoline Pearl Winifred Taylor, both of Ramsgate.

### DEATHS

**Gray.**—27th March, at 13 Northdown-road, Margate, Elizabeth Mary Gray.

**Hookway.**—3rd April, at his residence, Gables, Appledore, Edward James Hookway, in his 71st year. Interred at Appledore Churchyard.

**King.**—25th March, at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, William Henry King, of Church-street, St. Peter's, aged 55 years.

**Newman.**—30th March, at 33 Penshurst-road, Ramsgate, Mary Winnifred Newman, aged 62 years.

**Shelvey.**—25th March, at 50 Westover-road, St. Peter's, William James Shelvey, aged 88 years.

**Spain.**—26th March, at Bridge, Ernest Albert Spain, of 23 Alexandra-road, Ramsgate, aged 78 years.

### RETURN THANKS

**The daughter of the late Ernest Spain** thanks all friends and neighbours for kindness and floral tributes; A.R.P. nurses, and Mr. W. H. Maskell for the funeral arrangements.

**Mr. and Mrs. West and the sisters of the late Irene Ethel Chandler** wish to return thanks for kind expressions of sympathy shown to them in their recent bereavement, and for the beautiful floral tributes.—24 Hatfield-road, Ramsgate.

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